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STATE OF THE CITY MID TERM ADDRESS

Mr. President, Mr. Vice-President, members of the Board of Aldermen, ladies and gentlemen:

I am privileged to speak to you this evening in this my second mid-term address to the government and the people of Somerville. This is again a time to look back over the path we have travelled together and a time to look forward and chart a course for the coming year.

1972 saw the fruition of several projects begun previously, as well as the beginning of many new undertakings and the completion of some of them already. Rather than detail in these comments the complete breakdown of progress in the past year, I shall address myself to some of the high points and present detailed department reports to this honorable board and the public during the coming weeks:

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I. Public Works:

A. The Building division has taken many giant steps on the long journey towards restoring public buildings in Somerville:

1. The high school has a lovely new auditorium, as well as a new gymnasium floor with a movable partition, in addition to having all new exterior doors in the high school building.

2. The third story addition to the Pope School is completed and in operation. In an effort to give the entire building a fresh beginning, all of the interior of the first two stories has been renovated and looks very much like a brand new structure. Thus for the first time ever, the school is large enough to accommodate all the children without creating makeshift classrooms.

3. The new consolidated Ward One school is in operation, and the contractor is putting the finishing touches on the gymnasium and auditorium. The Prescott and Southworth buildings have been abandoned and will be razed soon to make way for two apartment buildings for senior citizens. The Edgerly School children have also been transferred to the new school, thus readying that building for major changes and improvements.

4. The New Ward 7 School is also open and the Hodgkins School has been abandoned to be demolished within the week. Classes from the Cutler and the Lowe will also enter the new school, as well as many students from Immaculate Conception Church in Cambridge which will close in June.

5. Within the next few weeks the last of the antiquated desks from every elementary school will have been removed and replaced by modern desks.

6. Also, within the next several weeks every junior high school will have a modern desk and chair replacing the old screwed down desks which came with the buildings; furthermore, the inadequate cloak rooms are being replaced with new lockers for each student in the Northeastern and Southern Junior High Schools. The Northeastern has a functioning shower room for the first time since about 1937, and the long overdue roof at the Southern has been installed.

7. Two other large scale projects of the building department this year have the installation of a new gym floor at the Trade High School and a new ceiling at the Central Library.

Countless other projects of lesser magnitude by the building department have been completed this year, and this, combined with moving furniture, supplies and equipment from six schools must make this the most productive year that department has ever seen.

B. In the Water Department 370 water leaks were repaired — all by city employees — along with 41 poor water pressure repairs and 29 other major repair jobs; 69 new hydrants were installed in 1972 replacing old or defective ones; 640 water meters were installed, and 900 more were purchased to be installed in 1973. Illustrating a less tangible but vital public service, the Water Department responded to 790 emergency night and weekend calls last year.

C. The Electric Lines and Lights Division has virtually completed our three year effort to replace all street lights with new mercury lamps; new and more attractive Christmas decorations lighted our city this year; Prospect Hill tower and the Old Powderhouse are now floodlighted

to display to citizen and traveler alike these two beautiful historic sites. Also, we have begun a replacement program for old underground fire alarm cable across the city.

D. The Highway division also had a highly impressive progress record for 1972:

1. 763 separate sidewalk repairs were made.

2. Sidewalks were replaced or completely repaired on Woods Avenue, Laurel Street Loring Street and Wigglesworth Street, as well as the chapter 90 reconstruction of College Avenue, Clarendon Avenue and Bonair Street; also, the total reconstruction of the sewers, street and sidewalk of Governor Winthrop Road, the surface of which will be completed this spring.

Over 6,000 street repairs were made; 781 street signs were replaced or repaired; 691 trees were trimmed or removed, and 133 new trees were planted; over 800 other miscellaneous citizen complaints were responded to, along with the day to day work of street cleaning and plowing streets and equipment maintenance.

These then are some, and only the more dramatic achievements of the bricks-and mortar department of your government.

II. Moving to another area of our government, the auditing department, some comparisons would be helpful:

- A. During the years from 1953-1961, an average of 43 contracts a year were awarded on the basis of public bids.

- B. Between 1962-1967, the average was 74 per year.

- C. In 1968 there were 130 such contracts.

- D. In 1969 showed 105.

- E. In 1970 there were 155.

- F. In 1971 there were 210.

- G. And in 1972, 310 bid contracts were awarded.

This means, in other terms, that in the past three years as many competitive contracts were awarded as the combined total of the previous eight years.

III. The Treasury Department had its most successful year in history in 1972 in the Collection of Delinquent Tax Accounts in the amount of \$4,996,000. The unpaid 1972 taxes are projected to be the lowest in many years. In 1972 we borrowed only \$12.5 million in anticipation of taxes, the lowest amount in 12 years. Thus the combined and cooperative efforts of the auditing and the Treasury Departments have accomplished an extraordinary degree of progress in operating this city on a sound business basis.

IV. Perhaps one sentence can sum up the work of our dog officer this year: He picked up 1182 dogs, probably more than the rest of Middlesex County combined.

V. The Civil Defense department has provided over 20,000 hours of volunteer police and fire protection, saving the city over \$200,000; over \$40,000 worth of government surplus equipment has been obtained for city use. Our Civil Defense director, Mr. John McInerny has attained such stature in his field that he was recently elected President of the Civil Defense Association of Massachusetts.

VI. Our funding office has aggressively pursued grants to improve the quality of life for all of our citizens: The Charles Harris Park is completed: the first year's trees planted; funds for new parks approved; grants for police, youth and elderly programs have been awarded. Our administration succeeded in obtaining outside monies totalling over \$6 million dollars, and this does not include funds received under the Manpower Act or Revenue sharing!

The magnitude of importance and significance to this figure can be seen by pointing out that prior to 1970, Somerville applied for and received **no** competitive funding — it all went to other communities who fought for it for their people; now Somerville is one of the more successful communities in this vital area.

The Manpower Act provided Somerville with an additional \$850,000 to hire people to perform necessary work we could not otherwise have afforded. I cannot overstate the incalculable benefit this has been to us,

and I can only hope the federal government will see fit to renew this program for another year.

VII. The Somerville Youth Program, funded by the federal and state governments, has a staff now of approximately 30 and is moving out into the community to meet the young people where they are — to establish a dialogue to bring or keep our young people within the spectrum of conventional living and goals, to assist them in finding themselves and undertaking creative and fulfilling lives. This is, of course, one of the most difficult tasks of any community, and the effect of our efforts is hardly susceptible of measurement. We can say that we are trying — we see many failures — we “feel” some achievements. With the proper mixture of talent, dedication, faith and prayer we believe most people of every generation will opt for life and growth within a framework of an ordered society.

In the final analysis, the crisis young people are confronting in this most turbulent of eras is a spiritual crisis. Neither government nor material improvement will ever provide the answer to the world’s deepest hunger. For that each of us, and all of us together, need to rediscover our spiritual self and seek a peace and joy which the world alone will never provide.

VIII. The Recreation Commission and Somerfest Activities of 1972 have been manifest to us all and hardly required statistical breakdown.

IX. In spite of occasional criticism, one of the continuing impressive programs in the city has been the Rent Control Board. In an effort to eliminate substandard housing, allow landlords a reasonable profit from their investment, protect tenants from unconscionable rents and living conditions and encourage upgrading or reconstruction of property, no body of government could be given a more fragile or precarious precipice to conquer; in my humble opinion they are doing an outstanding job. With rent control as an incentive to all parties, the Board of Health conducted an inspection of 3,315 apartment units last year and is following up each to see that required improvements are made.

X. We have done a considerable amount of work in lobbying for a better transportation program than we have been previously afforded. We shall have north-south M.B.T.A. service through Somerville in about another two weeks; the M.B.T.A. is moving towards a commitment to give Somerville the quality of transit service for which we have been paying but not receiving for many years; the \$1 million in reparations allocated to us by the federal and state governments for the permanent damage done to this city by I-93 will begin to improve the area contiguous with the road next spring.

More and more we are seeing the construction of new buildings and the restoration of old ones. The construction of the new Holiday Inn on Washington Street, scheduled for opening next summer, is both a symbol and a reality of the new confidence generated in this city. To further illustrate the trend, the following figures are interesting, as the number of building permits issued annually over recent years:

- A. 1968 — 490
- B. 1969 — 425
- C. 1970 — 586
- D. 1971 — 492
- E. 1972 — 683

There is a great deal more, but somewhere we must end this particular review of the past year. I would like to end it by commenting on our 1972 Centennial celebration. Opening day at Trum Field with games and sports of our time as well as yesteryear; our magnificent parade; a visit with Arthur Fiedler; the Boston Pops coming to Somerville High School; the Centennial queen; the historical play at the Central Library; the songfest at the Historical Society; the dinner-dance and all the many other lovely events of our centennial year did so much to give us a sense of community, a feeling of pride in our past, and a burst of confidence in our future.

What will the year 1973 afford for us? What shall we attempt to do together, so that when again we look back we shall have much for which we may take pride and satisfaction that during our stewardship in leading this community we did not bury our talent or hide our

candle behind a bale, but rather moved forward confidently and determinedly to make and keep Somerville a place where people are proud and happy to live?

Quite frankly, though I have always had high aims for this community, I underestimated the power and the spirit of this people. I therefore intend and resolve to redouble our efforts because our voyage has shown us achievements and possibilities almost too remote and far-fetched to dream about three years ago.

These are some of the accomplishments which I consider reasonable for us to attempt in 1973.

1. A new elementary school in Ward 2 to replace the four ancient buildings there now should be under construction in early spring and opened in September, 1974.

2. A new elementary school replacing the dreary Foster School buildings should meet the same time schedule.

3. All the windows — casing and all — in the high school should be replaced, and we have this set up for completion this year.

4. A new partition in the high school cafeteria separating the kitchen from the dining area will be installed shortly.

5. A “Theatre of the Performing Arts” will be constructed soon in the rooms below the high school gymnasium. This will be as impressive, though much less costly than the new auditorium and will have the versatility of providing a meeting hall, a practice area for music and drama, a regular little theatre and a theatre in the round.

6. The construction of two new fire stations replacing our three oldest and most dilapidated ones can and should commence this spring. I shall present the necessary information and requests before this honorable board imminently, and I believe we all look forward to replacing these three negative landmarks.

7. There are several areas of physical improvement which to me are, quite frankly, more necessary than appealing, and we shall proceed with determination, realizing we have no present alternative:

A. The Edgerly School is old and obsolete. Nonetheless, it is there, and it is attached to an inadequate trade high school. Since we are apparently going to have to live with the basic physical plant, I shall propose a significant renovation and expansion of the Trade High School in the Edgerly building facilities to provide the best possible vocational training for our young men — and in the future young women.

B. The junior high schools are problem areas for different reasons:

(1) The Northeastern and the Southern are too small and have been so abused and neglected for so long it requires a fair degree of optimism to think they can ever be made fully adequate as educational facilities. However, we must set up priority lists and simply do the best we can, knowing the situation must remain less than ideal. We are committed to a replacement program for elementary schools and must therefore adopt a restoration program for the secondary schools.

The Western Junior High School is both a problem and a terrible community tragedy: slightly more than three years after over one and one half million dollars was poured into repairing the fire ravaged edifice, the building looks as shabby as any in the city — cheap paint is peeling; inferior flooring is buckling; poor workmanship and material have caused the new roof to leak and damage interior ceilings and walls; doors improperly installed now let in rays of light, while other doors are constantly in need of repair because of the poor quality in the original work. The city lost a glorious opportunity four years ago to have a new junior high school, and we are now saddled not only with that mistake, but with the shabbiest construction work one would ever be likely to see. Nonetheless, the building is there; it must remain, and it is for us to restore it as well as possible.

C. A similar situation exists at the Kennedy School — the school where city officials attended indoor dedication ceremonies about six years ago holding umbrellas to keep the rain off. We are still awaiting a final report from a structural engineer consultant on the extent of the damage and cost of repair. We have received preliminary indication that the cost of repair will be about 25 percent of the cost of the original

construction of the building. First-rate firms do not leave behind the problems we have inherited at the Kennedy Elementary or the Western Junior High schools.

8. I would like, though I have not yet completed my study of the situation, to construct a parking area behind the high school to relieve the constant congestion around the City Hall concourse, as well as to make the high school and the auditorium more accessible for special events.

9. In all of the older schools — primary and secondary — with which we shall have to live for some time we shall continue upgrading them to provide a pleasant environment conducive to learning, growth and happiness for our young people.

10. We have contracted with a firm to perform a study and to supply recommendations for our water and sewer systems, and we hope during 1973 to begin the replacement of a system over 100 years under the ground and becoming yearly less able to cope with the city's needs.

11. We have now one of the best equipped Public Works Departments anywhere, and this is one reason we are able to perform so many services. We intend to continue our replacement and maintenance program to further increase our efficiency and capability. We will accordingly include in our budget recommendations equipment needed to further respond to the needs of the community.

12. We have a great many funding proposals at various stages of completion, and we anticipate a significant announcement shortly of a grant to improve the quality of law enforcement.

Also, in this regard, in a matter of weeks a new tape system will be installed at police headquarters to record all telephone and radio conversations in and out of the station. This will bring to an end, I trust, the continuing frustration expressed by both the police and the public towards the quality of response given to the public.

It is interesting to note that some of the hard decisions we have made over the last three years to economize and increase efficiency as well as the quality of government service is now being undertaken by both the

Commonwealth and the city of Boston. We intend to further economize and walk the difficult line of trying to provide services the public expects without adding significantly to the tax burden.

In general, I would say that 1973 will be a year of both good feeling and significant accomplishments. If we keep our eye on the goals we wish to achieve for our city, we shall have another year of significant progress.

In reading over my address given at this occasion two years ago, I stated then that the progress made over the preceding year had been in spite of, not because of, the rest of the city government. Tonight, I am very happy to be able to say that the great amount of progress made in 1972 was **because** of the rest of the city government. Some of us have not been, nor are we likely to become, close friends. But I respect the good faith and good will this honorable board has displayed in working at common and often difficult problems to bring about solutions in the best interest of the entire community. You have made this year a different kind of experience for me and for the city, and I wish to both thank and commend you.

I believe our mutual self interest for 1973 can best be served by continuing to work in a united way for the city and the people of Somerville; I ask that commitment **of** you, and I pledge that commitment **to** you.

I believe Somerville's status has changed from that of a patient whose prognosis is poor, to that of a young adult whose future is bright. I forecast good to excellent conditions in this city over the coming years, and it is now up to all of us to make the possible a reality.

Thank you.

REPORT OF THE CITY AUDITOR

Office of the City Auditor

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

REVENUE ACCOUNTS:

ASSETS

Revenue Cash	2,948,846.17
Cash Discrepancies	
W.J.R., Collector	253.57
P.J.W., Cashier	1,029.55
R.C., Deputy Collector	1,326.86
E.W., Deputy Collector	431.15
Treasurer's Overs & Shorts	
& Bank Errors	1,668.63
Petty Cash Advances	100.00
Accounts Receivable:	
Taxes, 1959	1,185.46
Taxes, 1960	5,133.71
Taxes, 1961	6,742.82
Taxes, 1962	10,169.18
Taxes, 1963	9,103.18
Taxes, 1964	22,176.67
Taxes, 1965	26,901.58
Taxes, 1966	12,077.83
Taxes, 1967	46,655.04
Taxes, 1968	53,073.83
Taxes, 1969	42,276.46
Taxes, 1970	50,615.84
Taxes, 1971	190,501.30
Taxes, 1972	248,451.00
Taxes, 1973	431,487.73
Taxes, 1974	777,275.48
	1,933,827.11

Tax Titles	561,477.08
Tax Possessions	112,481.36

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Taxes, 1961	28,199.45
Taxes, 1962	32,976.22
Taxes, 1963	32,093.08
Taxes, 1964	27,916.20
Taxes, 1965	35,777.32
Taxes, 1966	40,593.21
Taxes, 1967	33,228.42
Taxes, 1968	41,009.54
Taxes, 1969	40,288.21
Taxes, 1970	54,697.06
Taxes, 1971	84,442.21
Taxes, 1972	—
Taxes, 1973	199,045.63
Taxes, 1974	<u>456,137.65</u>

1,106,404.20

Building Demolition Fees:

Taxes, 1967	1,142.00
Taxes, 1968	—
Taxes, 1969	2,700.00
Taxes, 1970	25,898.12
Taxes, 1971	1,985.00
Taxes, 1972	—
Taxes, 1973	<u>18,073.00</u>

49,798.12

Departmental Bills Receivable:

School Department	35,433.47
P.W.D. Incinerator Division	13,058.13
P.W.D. Building Division	9,281.25
P.W.D. Water Division	2,503.44
Public Works Dept.	<u>100.00</u>

60,376.29

Water Department Accounts	207,524.99
State Aid to Highways Chapter 90	25,098.88
County Aid to Highways Chapter 90	2,234.07
Federally Aided Public Works Project	
H.U.D.—Open Space Land Program OSC-72	32,853.17
H.U.D.—Devel. Parks & Playgrounds, OSL-MA-01-06-1027	41,044.16
D.O.I. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation Trum Field Park No. Bost—DOI No. 25-00120	180,536.00
Revenue 1974	29,947,858.01
Loans Authorized	182,000.00
Overlay 1948	47.51
Overlay 1949	40.58
Overlay 1950	44.84
Overlay 1951	43.65
Overlay 1952	44.96
Overlay 1953	44.95
Overlay 1954	51.34
Overlay 1955	51.18
Overlay 1956	56.66
Overlay 1957	57.76
Overlay 1958	64.88
Overlay 1959	68.44
Overlay 1960	73.78
Overlay 1961	76.14
Overlay 1962	----
Overlay 1963	----
Overlay 1964	----
Overlay 1965	8,987.39
Overlay 1966	73,344.15
Overlay 1967	203,044.65
Overlay 1968	213,165.93
Overlay 1969	215,693.31
Overlay 1970	362,739.77
Overlay 1971	360,937.76
Overlay 1972	475,952.77

Overlay 1973-74	290,250.66
Middlesex County Assessment 1973	69,614.25
Reserve for Cash Variations & Bank Errors	131.49
	<u>39,671,798.17</u>

LIABILITIES

Cashiers Overages	861.63
Taxes, Real Estate 1970	55,912.72
Tax Titles — Rent Receipts	645.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, 1972	4,107.49
City Clerks Deposits	4,381.42
School Deposits: Forfeited Fees	11,179.00
Temporary Loan — Anticipation of Reimbursement	
Federally Aided Public Works Project:	
H.U.D. — Open Space Land Program OSC — 72	35,000.00
D.O.I. Bureau of Recreation	
Trum Field Park — No. 25-00120	80,000.00
Loans Unissued	182,000.00
Teachers Retirement Deductions	34,546.88
Federal Withholding Taxes	32,739.64
State Withholding Taxes	74,210.32
Employees Insurance Deductions	1,380.67
Employees Group Insurance Deductions	11,048.25
Group Insurance for Elderly Retirees	206.00
Savings Bond Deductions	1,249.67
Reserve Savings Bonds Deductions	7,158.32
Blue Cross Deductions	77,213.75
Blue Cross Dividends	20,813.50
Guarantee Deposits	569.19
Conservation Commission Fund	25,127.66
Sale of Real Estate	1.00
Unexpended Balances:	
Income of Trust Funds	14,716.86
Tailings	17,863.12
Tailings-Water Department	1,882.87

Revenue Appropriations	1,201,659.61
Appropriations Control 1974	29,947,858.01
C. of M., C.C.J. Grant-Project USE	
Project No. 73C-242.113	9,824.00
Project No. 73C-242.113, State Buy-In Funds	2,610.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts Grants:—	
Somerville Youth Program	
Dept. Youth Services Grant — F73	79.61
C.L.E.A. Project No. 73C-051-112	82.73
Dept. Youth Services Grant — F74	573.97
C.C.J. Project No. 74C-025-111	9,320.89
Community Youth Resources Bureau	
C.L.E.A. Project No. 70-040a-E14CAM	123.45
E.O.A. Manpower Development & Training Act	
Recreation Support Program—R1-1971-93-25 . . . . .	.10
Recreation Support Program—1972-No. 2001-25	16.50
Recreation Support Program—1973	96.80
U.S. Department of Labor Grants:—	
Manpower Administration:	
Emergency Employment Act—Section 5	97.13
Emergency Employment Act—Section 6 . . . . .	.02
C. of M. Grants—C.L.E.A.	
Drug Screening & Referral Program	
Project No. 72-142X-529AO	25,967.61
C. of M. Grants—C.L.E.A.—Police Department	
Planning and Research Units	
Project No. 73C-113-023	216.71
Project No. 74C-087.023	2,120.67
Regional and Local Disorder Control Units	
Project No. 71-09X-529AO	823.85
Teleprocessing Terminals	
Project No. 71-59Y	223.00
Field Improvement Operations	
Project No. 73C-125-039	18,226.59
Record Filing System	
Project No. 72-021X-529AO	18,693.64

School Department Grants—C. of M.

Public Law 864	5,314.24
Public Law 874	67,129.26
Public Law 87-415	4,830.30
Adult Basic Education:	
No. 73-24	7,121.09
No. 74-24S	41,198.64
Public Law 89-10, Title I	
Project No. 72-274	766.07
Project No. 73-074-058-BLAST	3,293.22
Project No. 73-274-207 S.E.P.	996.04
Project No. 74-274-093 BLAST	172,528.64
Public Law 89-10, Title II . . . . .	.59
Public Law 89-10 Title II, Project No. 89	22,771.05
Public Law 89-10, Title VI B	8,591.91
Public Law 92-318	15,259.69
State Aid to Free Public Libraries	54,584.26
U.S. Civil Service Commission Grant,	
Intergov'tl Personnel Act	381.95
C. of M. Grant Council for Aging Persons	56.57
H.U.D. Comprehensive Planning Assistance Grant	
Section 701-73-01	598.63
Section 701-74-02	6,342.46
H.E.W. Public Health Service Grant	
Lead Control Program—No. 01-1973	766.22
Lead Control Program—No. 02-1974	10,430.45
Federal Grant, ACTION,	
Volunteer Coordinator Program	1,257.67
E.M.O.C. Manpower Planning Board	2,034.47
C. of M. Grant, Revolutionary	
War Bicentennial Commission	4,800.00
Hot Lunch Receipts	44,547.61
Athletic Receipts	15,297.09
Parking Meter Receipts—	
Off Street Parking	13,635.93
On Street Parking	6,899.63
Middlesex County—Dog Licenses	1,380.80
Middlesex County—Sale of Dogs	24.00

State Taxes & Assessments 1973	988,182.24
Overlay 1962	401.12
Overlay 1963	589.37
Overlay 1964	612.22

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	1,102,296.71
Tax Titles Revenue	561,477.08
Tax Possessions Revenue	112,481.36
Building Demolition Charges Revenue	49,798.12
Departmental Revenue	60,376.29
Water Revenue	207,524.99
Aid to Highways Revenue	<u>27,332.95</u>
	2,121,287.50

Federally Aided Public Works Project Revenue	139,433.33
Reserve for Petty Cash Advances	100.00
Reserve for Cash Discrepancies	4,841.25
Reserve for Unpaid Real Estate & Personal Taxes	1,933,827.11
Reserve for Debt Funding Loan	695,804.00
Surplus Revenue	<u>1,340,451.70</u>
	39,671,798.17

SPECIAL CASH ACCOUNT

ASSETS

Special Cash	90,637.41
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds Invested	<u>1,955,537.62</u>
	<u><u>2,046,175.03</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds.	1,797,041.03
Special Appropriations	<u>249,134.00</u>
	<u><u>2,046,175.03</u></u>

NON REVENUE ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Non Revenue Cash	1,334,224.94
Loans Authorized	7,955,961.33
Cash Invested	1,531,349.11
	<u>10,821,535.38</u>

LIABILITIES

Loans Unissued	7,645,961.33
Loans in Anticipation of Bond Issues:	
Capital Improvements of Parks & Playgrounds:	
Trum Field Renovations	110,000.00
Fire Station—Broadway	200,000.00
Somerville Housing Authority	1,743.09
C. of M. Highway Improvement Fund—Chapter 822	43.56
Non Revenue Appropriations	2,863,787.40
	<u>10,821,535.38</u>

NET FUNDED OR FIXED DEBT

ASSETS

Net Bonded Debt	24,958,000.00
	<u>24,958,000.00</u>

LIABILITIES

Loans Within Statutory Debt Limit:	
Elementary School Loan—1955	20,000.00
School Remodeling Loan—1969	540,000.00
School Remodeling Loan—1971	50,000.00

P.W.D. Incinerator Loan—1958 & 1959	325,000.00
Funding Loan—1971	6,298,000.00
Water Bonds—1974	85,000.00
Municipal Purpose Loan—1974	1,280,000.00
Capital Improvement Bonds—1974	<u>150,000.00</u>

8,748,000.00

Loan Outside Statutory Debt Limit:

Elementary School Loan—1974	1,170,000.00
Elementary School Loan—Ward I, 1970	3,150,000.00
Elementary School Loan— Ward VII and Pope School Addition Loan	4,450,000.00
Urban Renewal Loan—1969	690,000.00
School Project Loan—1974	<u>6,750,000.00</u>

16,210,000.0024,958,000.00**TRUST AND INVESTED FUNDS****ASSETS**

Trust Funds:

Cash and Securities	67,101.15
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Invested Funds:

Cash and Securities	<u>9,017,804.71</u>
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9,084,905.86**LIABILITIES**

Trust Funds:

Contagious Hospital	2,168.23
School Funds	13,519.49
Library Funds	40,819.32
Welfare Funds	6,948.35
Recreation Funds	<u>3,645.76</u>

67,101.15

Invested Funds:

Municipal Buildings Insurance Fund	5,465.35	
*Somerville Retirement System Fund 4% and 5%	9,008,965.55	
Veterans Housing Fund	3,373.81	
		<u>9,017,804.71</u>
*Figures submitted by Retirement Board		<u><u>9,084,905.86</u></u>

CASH STATEMENT

REVENUE RECEIPTS

RECEIPTS	Year Ending		Period Ending	Total to Date
	December 31, 1973				June 30, 1974
General:				
Taxes	22,209,813.68	13,237,330.04	35,447,143.72	
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,708,921.74	526,913.78	2,235,835.52	
Tax Titles	96,039.12	571,538.25	667,577.37	
Tax Possessions	452.85	5,095.27	5,548.12	
Tax Titles—Rent Collections	3,523.00	-----	3,523.00	
Licenses and Permits	167,421.05	40,775.06	208,196.11	
Fines and Forfeits	202,340.45	95,498.65	297,839.10	
Grants and Gifts	2,331,323.60	1,395,577.49	3,726,901.09	
C. of M. Local Aid Fund—				
Beano Tax & License Fees	7,061.98	24,435.32	31,497.30	
Bureau of Local Taxation	41,959.44	38,781.60	80,741.04	
Machinery Basis	57,240.38	57,240.38	114,480.76	
Lottery Distribution	737,764.17	-----	737,764.17	
C. of M. School Aid (Income Chapter 70)	4,258,047.17	2,140,711.33	6,398,758.50	

C. of M. Special Education Program			
G.L. Chapter 58, Section 18a	361,222.32	-----	361,222.32
C. of M. School Transportation			
G.L. Chapter 71, Section 7a	532.84	-----	532.84
G.L. Chapter 71, Section 7b	15,758.00	-----	15,758.00
C. of M. Outside Schools Transportation			
Chapter 74, Section 8a	626.00	982.00	1,608.00
C. of M. Vocational Education			
Chapter 74, Section 9	280,210.00	278,513.00	558,723.00
C. of M. Occupational Education Tuition			
Chapter 74, Section 10	5,507.00	11,449.00	16,956.00
C. of M. Tuition, Chapter 76, Section 7	10,998.94	9,439.38	20,438.32
C. of M. Construction School Projects, Chapter 645	188,919.97	111,975.63	300,895.60
C. of M. Free Public Libraries	33,292.13	33,292.13	66,584.26
C. of M. Decennial Census Cost	21,197.50	-----	21,197.50
C. of M. Loss of Taxes—Veterans Abatements			
Chapter 58, Section 8a	-----	4,084.08	4,084.08
C. of M. Employment Security Division	-----	19.74	19.74
C. of M. Urban Renewal—Lieu of Taxes	127,039.01	126,739.00	253,778.01
C. of M. Urban Renewal Projects, Chap. 121A, Sec. 10	116,700.31	30,000.00	146,700.31
C. of M. Urban Renewal—Reimbursement			
Federally Aided Assistance	-----	36,601.11	36,601.11
C. of M. Elderly Retirees Group Insurance Dividends	4,284.72	-----	4,284.72

C. of M. Concrete Anti-Trust Case Distribution	83.80	83.80
C. of M. Highway Aid Fund—Chapter 90	20,891.97	20,891.97
Middlesex County—Aid for Highways, Chapter 90	30,390.93	30,390.93
C. of M. Educational Television Program Costs		
Chapter 71, Section 13F	3,487.00	3,487.00
C. of M. Gov. Highway Safety Program, Chap. 81, Sec. 31	13,495.40	58,458.01
Federally Aided Public Works Project		
Dept. H.U.D. Open Space Land Program OSC-72	28,891.83	28,891.83
Dept. H.U.D. Development of Parks & Playgrounds		
Project No. OSL-MA-1027	108,955.84	108,955.84
Cash Overages	9.26	9.26
Sale of Real Estate	1.00	1.00
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	33,194,320.60	52,029,854.65
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	18,835,534.05	

Departmental:

General Government	63,991.49	23,616.96	87,608.45
Protection of Persons and Property	10,274.30	6,436.33	16,710.63
Health and Sanitation	33,290.14	20,365.42	53,655.56
P.W.D. Incinerator Division	626.00		626.00
Medical Assistance—Reimbursements	950.00		950.00
Veterans Services	102,637.76	61,202.15	163,839.91
Schools and School Buildings	17,824.61	8,908.85	26,733.46

Hot Lunch Receipts	248,584.89	160,814.61	409,399.50
Athletic Receipts	13,655.71	3,262.89	16,918.60
Central and Branch Libraries	3,428.71	2,022.67	5,451.38
P.W.D. Highway Division	5,144.00	1,170.00	6,314.00
P.W.D. Parking Meters Receipts	41,778.45	20,409.47	62,187.92
Teachers Retirement Deductions	423,159.74	221,584.33	644,744.07
Federal Withholding Taxes	3,176,499.31	1,713,099.04	4,889,598.35
State Withholding Taxes	861,285.30	460,758.67	1,322,043.97
Employees Insurance Deductions	634.74	314.84	949.58
Employees Group Insurance Deductions	25,888.95	19,528.47	45,417.42
Group Insurance for Elderly Retirees	4,480.00	1,916.00	6,396.00
Savings Bonds Deductions	52,004.18	23,044.48	75,048.66
Blue Cross Deductions	538,600.30	238,939.42	777,539.72
Blue Cross Dividends	133,677.00	20,813.50	154,490.50
	5,758,415.58	3,008,208.10	8,766,623.68
Deposits	17,115.74	8,752.50	25,868.24
Water Department Accounts	800,454.87	560,417.98	1,360,872.85
Interest on Taxes, etc.	76,798.13	42,312.72	119,110.85
Trust Fund Income	2,869.20	890.09	3,759.29
Accrued Interest	17,672.61	111,710.45	129,383.06
Premium on Bonds	21,602.14	32,563.36	54,165.50
Temporary Loans	14,000,000.00	10,500,000.00	24,500,000.00

Loan in Anticipation of Funding Loan (Renewal)	13,296,000.00	—	13,296,000.00
Funding Bonds—Act of 1971	6,648,000.00	—	6,648,000.00
Loan in Anticipation of Federally Aided Public Works Projects			
H.U.D. Open Space Land Program OSC-72	85,000.00	40,000.00	125,000.00
H.U.D. Development of Parks & Playgrounds			
Project No. OSL-MA-01-06-1027	100,000.00	—	100,000.00
D.O.I. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation			
Renovations—Trum Field Park			
Project No. BOST-DOI-No. 25-00120	—	80,000.00	80,000.00
Refunds	109,166.02	52,763.09	161,929.11
Total Receipts January 1, 1973 to date	74,127,414.89	33,273,152.34	107,400,567.23
Cash Balance January 1, 1973	1,618,515.48	—	1,618,515.48
Cash Adjustment	45,447.71	—	45,447.71
	75,791,378.08	33,273,152.34	109,064,530.42

REVENUE PAYMENTS

PAYMENTS	Year Ending December 31, 1973	Period Ending June 30, 1974	Total to Date
Accounts Payable	168,858.46	—	168,858.46
Appropriations	26,465,013.31	12,540,525.78	39,005,539.09

Interest	992,733.74	399,352.35	1,392,086.09
Reduction of Funded Debt	1,046,600.00	145,300.00	1,191,900.00
Refunds	960,051.64	313,780.10	1,273,831.74
City Clerks Deposits	420.60	283.40	704.00
School—Book Deposits	500.00	750.00	1,250.00
School—Forfeited Fees	5,934.68	3,794.50	9,729.18
Guarantee Deposits	—	24,900.00	24,900.00
Teachers Retirement Deductions	356,345.61	254,046.56	610,392.17
Federal Withholding Taxes	3,284,982.45	1,835,608.19	5,120,590.64
State Withholding Taxes	860,934.80	458,557.78	1,319,492.58
Employee Insurance Deductions	552.42	350.10	902.52
Employee Group Insurance Deductions	23,424.15	22,119.41	45,543.56
Group Insurance for Elderly Retirees	4,146.00	2,420.00	6,566.00
Savings Bonds Deductions	49,055.23	26,493.86	75,549.09
Blue Cross Deductions	436,207.77	304,198.21	740,405.98
Blue Cross Dividends—Reserved	133,677.00	—	133,677.00
Temporary Loans	12,000,000.00	12,500,000.00	24,500,000.00
Loan in Anticipation of Funding Loan-Acts of 1971-Renewal	19,944,000.00	—	19,944,000.00
Loans in Anticipation of Federally Funded Public Works Projects			
H.U.D. Open Space Land Program OSC-72	30,000.00	35,000.00	65,000.00
H.U.D. Dev. Parks & Playgrounds,			
Project No. OSL-MA-01-06-1027	100,000.00	—	100,000.00

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Grants: –

C.L.E.A. Somerville Youth Program			
Project No. 71-14X-529A1	405.97	534.91	940.88
Project No. 72-114X-402AO	10,671.46	340.89	11,012.35
Project No. 73C-051-112	70,658.05	12,807.53	83,465.58
Project No. 73C-051-112, State Buy-In Funds	----	6,952.45	6,952.45
Project No. 74C-025.111	----	15,679.11	15,679.11
Dept. of Youth Services Grants,			
Somerville Youth Program – FY 73	59,460.90	236.00	59,696.90
Somerville Youth Program – FY 74	----	42,446.03	42,446.03
C.L.E.A. Drug Screening & Referral Program			
Project No. 72-142X-529AO	15,245.42	27,736.97	42,982.39
C.L.E.A. Police Department Grants,			
Regional & Local Disorder Control			
Project No. 71-09X-529AO	5,921.29	----	5,921.29
Planning and Research			
Project No. 72-023-529A1	10,270.00	----	10,270.00
Project No. 73C-113-023	12,551.93	3,231.36	15,783.29
Project No. 73C-113-023 – State Buy-In Funds	----	1,333.00	1,333.00
Project No. 74C-087.023	----	2,379.33	2,379.33
Field Operations Improvements			
Project No. 73C-125-039	1,463.99	50,309.42	51,773.41
Project No. 73C-125-039 – State Buy-In Funds	----	5,833.00	5,833.00

C.C.J. Police Department Grant:—

Record Filing System, Proj. No. 72-021X-529AO . . .

1,306.36

1,306.36

Federal Grants:

U.S. Department of Labor—Manpower Administration

E.E.A.—Section 5

461,549.61

107,454.10

569,003.71

E.E.A.—Section 6

217,712.40

51,829.38

269,541.78

U.S. Civil Service Commission, Intergovernmental Personnel Act.

H.U.D. Comprehensive Planning Assistance

Section 701—No. 73-01

40,541.55

235.60

40,777.15

Section 701—No. 74-02

15,013.75

19,457.28

34,471.03

H.E.W. Public Health Service

Lead Control Program No. 01-H-000181-01-0

59,283.09

9.41

59,292.50

Lead Control Program No. 01-H-000181-02-0

28,712.67

38,702.90

67,415.57

E.O.A.—Recreation Support Program—1973

23,566.10

1,337.10

24,903.20

ACTION—Volunteer Coordinator Program

4,248.22

4,494.11

8,742.33

E.M.O.C. Grant—Manpower Planning Board

—

1,245.20

1,245.20

School Department Grants:

Public Law 864

1,086.69

11,567.61

12,654.30

Public Law 874

3,630.44

185.00

3,815.44

Public Law 87-415

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5,853.59

5,853.59

Adult Basic Education

73-24

14,976.14

7,403.14

22,379.28

74-24S

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33,050.36

33,050.36

Public Law 89-10, Title I

Project No. 72-274	4,679.21	---	4,679.21
Project No. 72-274-058 BLAST	321,687.74	---	321,687.74
Project No. 73-274-207 S.E.P.	175,809.31	7,854.35	183,663.66
Project No. 74-274-093 BLAST	70,516.00	199,330.02	269,846.02
Public Law 89-10, Title II	8,031.11	19,561.16	27,592.27
Public Law 92-318	22,240.68	4,965.53	27,206.21
Health—Bottling Licenses	20.00	---	20.00
Conservation Commission Fund	5,760.00	48,113.34	53,873.34
Income of Trust Funds	499.75	4,865.20	5,364.95
Tax Titles—Rent Collections	5,143.00	---	5,143.00
Hot Lunch Receipts	697,172.32	553,028.16	1,250,200.48
Athletic Receipts	2,035.11	2,202.90	4,238.01
Middlesex County Assessment, 1973-1974	1,441,891.75	725,597.10	2,167,488.85
Middlesex County Hospital Assessment 1973	106,179.13	---	106,179.13
Middlesex County, Dog Licenses	10,385.35	5,848.95	16,234.30
Middlesex County, Sale of Dogs	219.00	72.00	291.00
Reserve for Debt on Funding Loan (Interest)	384,735.98	176,344.00	561,079.98
Reserve for Debt on Funding Loan (Debt)	328,400.00	---	328,400.00
State Taxes and Assessments, 1973	3,500,891.04	---	3,500,891.04
Total Payments to date	75,012,455.21	31,073,080.94	106,085,536.15
Cash Balance on Hand	778,818.37	---	2,948,846.17
Cash Adjustment	104.50	30,043.60	30,148.10
	75,791,378.08	31,103,124.54	109,064,530.42

NON REVENUE RECEIPTS

RECEIPTS	Year Ending December 31, 1973	Period Ending June 30, 1974	Total to Date
School Project Bonds—1974	-----	6,810,000.00	6,810,000.00
Municipal Purpose Loan of 1974	-----	1,325,300.00	1,325,300.00
Water Bonds of 1974	-----	90,000.00	90,000.00
Capital Improvement Bonds—1974	-----	150,000.00	150,000.00
Loans in Anticipation of Bond Issues and Renewals:			
School Project Loan—Elementary-Ward I	4,005,000.00	15,000.00	4,020,000.00
School Project Loan—Elementary-Ward II	310,000.00	125,000.00	435,000.00
School Project Loan—Elementary-Ward IV	770,000.00	390,000.00	1,160,000.00
School Remodelling, Reconstructing and Extraordinary Repairs—1972	280,000.00	10,000.00	290,000.00
Remodelling, Reconstructing and Extraordinary Repairs to John F. Kennedy Elementary School	290,000.00	260,000.00	550,000.00
Departmental Equipment Loan—1972	630,000.00	45,000.00	675,000.00
Gov. Winthrop Rd. Sidewalk Construction	45,000.00	-----	45,000.00
Gov. Winthrop Rd. & Inner Belt— Water Mains	115,000.00	10,000.00	125,000.00
Pavement Bonds	60,000.00	-----	60,000.00
Sewer Construction Bonds	45,000.00	15,000.00	60,000.00

Capital Improvements to Parks & Playgrounds:—

Perry, Glen, Central, etc.	390,000.00	-----	390,000.00
Trum Field Renovations	-----	160,000.00	160,000.00
Planning Bonds for Water Mains	55,000.00	-----	55,000.00
Planning Bonds for Sewerage System	10,000.00	35,000.00	45,000.00
MacAdam Street Repair Bonds—1972	50,000.00	10,000.00	60,000.00
Fire Station Bonds—Broadway & Walnut St.	200,000.00	200,000.00	400,000.00
Sidewalk Construction—Appleton St.	-----	15,000.00	15,000.00
Refunds—Appropriations	276.50	-----	276.50
Redemption of Cash Invested & Renewals	-----	7,156,046.36	7,156,046.36
Total Receipts January 1, 1973 to date	7,255,276.50	16,821,346.36	24,076,622.86
Cash Balance January 1, 1973	659,733.81	-----	659,733.81
	<u>7,915,010.31</u>	<u>16,821,346.36</u>	<u>24,736,356.67</u>

NON REVENUE PAYMENTS

	Year Ending December 31, 1973	Period Ending June 30, 1974	Total to Date
PAYMENTS			
Appropriations	3,001,415.35	2,308,320.91	5,309,736.26
Cash Invested & Renewals	-----	8,687,395.47	8,687,395.47

Loans in Anticipation of Bond Issues (Renewals):—

School Project Loan—Elementary—Ward I	3,310,000.00	1,730,000.00	5,040,000.00
School Project Loan—Elementary—Ward II	50,000.00	385,000.00	435,000.00
School Project Loan—Elementary—Ward IV	240,000.00	920,000.00	1,160,000.00
School Remodelling, Reconstructing, and Extraordinary Repairs Loan—1972	270,000.00	145,000.00	415,000.00
Remodelling of John F. Kennedy Elementary School	40,000.00	510,000.00	550,000.00
Departmental Equipment Loan—1972	385,000.00	290,000.00	675,000.00
Gov. Winthrop Road—Sidewalk Construction Bonds	30,000.00	15,000.00	45,000.00
Gov. Winthrop Road and Inner Belt— Water Mains	65,000.00	60,000.00	125,000.00
Pavement Bonds	40,000.00	20,000.00	60,000.00
Sewer Construction Bonds	30,000.00	30,000.00	60,000.00
Capital Improvements to Parks & Playgrounds: Prospect Hill, Glen, Perry, Etc.	240,000.00	150,000.00	390,000.00
Trum Field Renovations	—	50,000.00	50,000.00
Macadam Street Repairs Bonds—1972	50,000.00	35,000.00	85,000.00
Planning Bonds for Water Mains	35,000.00	20,000.00	55,000.00
Planning Bonds—Sewerage System	5,000.00	40,000.00	45,000.00
Sidewalk Construction—Appleton St.	—	15,000.00	15,000.00
New Fire Station Bonds—1974	—	200,000.00	200,000.00
Total Payments January 1, 1973 to date	7,791,415.35	15,610,716.38	23,402,131.73
Cash on hand	123,594.96	—	1,334,224.94
	7,915,010.31	15,610,716.38	24,736,356.67

SPECIAL CASH ACCOUNTS

RECEIPTS	Year Ending December 31, 1973	Period Ending June 30, 1974	Total to Date
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds	2,604,583.00	1,079,624.00	3,684,207.00
Accrued Interest	171,672.05	119,012.45	290,684.50
Redemption of Cash Invested & Renewals	11,703,929.34	8,676,251.44	20,380,180.78
Total Receipts to date	14,480,184.39	9,874,887.89	24,355,072.28
Cash Adjustment			30,000.00
	<u>14,480,184.39</u>	<u>9,874,887.89</u>	<u>24,385,072.28</u>
PAYMENTS			
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds Invested	13,402,271.58	7,943,721.82	21,345,993.40
Special Appropriations:—			
Police Department	35,233.38	593,437.14	628,670.52
Fire Department	51,592.29	1,248,178.66	1,299,770.95
H.U.D. Comprehensive Planning Grant FY 1974	45,000.00		45,000.00
M.B.T.A. Assessment 1973	935,000.00		935,000.00
Funded Debt		40,000.00	40,000.00

Total Payments to date	14,469,097.25	9,825,337.62	24,294,434.87
Cash Balance	<u>11,087.14</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>90,637.41</u>
	14,480,184.39	9,825,337.62	24,385,072.28
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SUMMARY

Total Revenue Receipts	74,127,414.89	33,273,152.34	107,400,567.23
Total Non Revenue Receipts	7,255,276.50	16,821,346.36	24,076,622.86
Total Special Cash Receipts	<u>14,480,184.39</u>	<u>9,874,887.89</u>	<u>24,355,072.28</u>
Total Receipts	95,862,875.78	59,969,386.59	155,832,262.37
Total Cash Balance January 1, 1973	2,278,249.29	-----	2,278,249.29
Cash Adjustments	<u>45,447.71</u>	<u>30,000.00</u>	<u>75,447.71</u>
	98,186,572.78	59,999,386.59	158,185,959.37
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Total Revenue Payments	75,012,455.21	31,073,080.94	106,085,536.15
Total Cash Balance on Hand	913,500.47	4,373,708.52	4,373,708.52
Cash Adjustments	<u>104.50</u>	<u>30,043.60</u>	<u>30,148.10</u>
	98,186,572.78	60,912,887.06	158,185,959.37
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The foregoing statements reflect all financial transactions of the City of Somerville from January 1st, 1973, through June 30, 1974. Any inquiries regarding these statements or requests for additional information may be directed to the Auditing Department.

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REPORT OF CITY CLERK

Office of the City Clerk
January 1, 1974

To the Honorable the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

The following is respectfully submitted as the one hundred second Annual Report of the City Clerk of Somerville, and is for the year ending December 31, 1973.

The receipts and payments were as follows:

For dog licenses issued in 1973:

1986 males at \$3.00	\$ 5,958.00	
439 females at \$6.00	2,634.00	
928 spayed at \$3.00	2,784.00	
3 kennel at \$10.00	30.00	
1 kennel at \$25.00	25.00	
1 kennel at \$50.00	50.00	
9 transfers at \$.25	2.25	
1 male (guide dog-free)	<u> </u>	\$11,483.25

For hunting and fishing licenses issued in 1973:

752 fishing at \$8.25	\$ 6,204.00	
338 hunting at \$8.25	2,788.50	
177 sporting at \$13.50	2,389.50	
77 minor fish. at \$6.25	481.25	
4 res. alien fish. at \$11.25	45.00	
5 non-res.cit./alien fish. at \$14.25 . .	71.25	
3 non-res.cit./alien 7-day fish. at \$8.25	24.75	
1 minor trapping at \$6.25	6.25	
1 res. cit. trapping at \$11.50	11.50	
8 duplicate at \$1.00	8.00	
11 archery stamps at \$5.10	<u>56.10</u>	\$12,102.35

Recording mortgages, assignments, etc. . .	4,787.14
Certificates of marriage intentions, including postage	3,387.54
Furnishing copies of records	6,547.00
Licenses:	
auctioneers, 21 at \$2.00; 1 at \$10.00 .	52.00
billiard, pool tables and bowling alleys, 39 licenses for 1 billiard table, 7 pool tables, 31 bowling alleys at \$3.00 . . .	117.00
bus routes, 2 at \$10.00	20.00
cut meat and sausage, 1 at \$50.00 . . .	50.00
drivers, 367 at \$1.00	367.00
stationary engines, 11 at \$1.00	11.00
garage, 2 at \$5.00	10.00
garage renewals	677.50
hackney carriages, 109 at \$5.00	545.00
junk and secondhand licenses:	
collect junk, 2 at \$15.00	30.00
junk shops, 12 at \$35.00	420.00
lodging house, 3 at \$2.00	6.00
outdoor parking, 5 at \$10.00	50.00
secondhand auto dealers, 39 at \$25.00 14 at \$50.00 1 at \$210.00 (back payment) . . .	1,885.00
slaughtering, 1 at \$1.00	1.00
street musicians, 4 at \$.50	2.00
storage of explosives, 1 at \$10.00 4 at 20.00 1 at 40.00 2 at 50.00	230.00
storage of explosives, renewals	4,672.50
taxi stand licenses, 66 at \$5.00	330.00
permits for projections over the sidewalk. 1 awning at \$1.00 15 illuminated signs	

2 electric signs		
5 plastic signs		
1 wooden sign		
1 flat belt sign		
<u>5</u> miscellaneous signs		
29 signs at \$5.00	146.00	
copies of ordinances	90.00	
copies of city charter	9.50	
fees for registered mail notices	72.01	
postage . . . . .	.44	
advertising fees	162.00	
duplicate of dog license tags	7.30	
pole locations	63.90	
gas mains	7.20	
blank forms	10.95	
raffle and bazaar permits	110.00	
refund on advertising over-charge	44.00	
fee for cable T.V.	<u>250.00</u>	\$25,170.98

PAYMENTS

To the City Treasurer for dog licenses in 1973:

1986 males at \$3.00	5,958.00	
439 females at \$6.00	2,634.00	
928 spayed at \$3.00	2,784.00	
3 kennel at \$10.00	30.00	
1 kennel at \$25.00	25.00	
1 kennel at \$50.00	50.00	
9 transfers at \$.25	2.25	
1 male (guide dog-free)	<u> </u>	
	11,483.25	
less City Clerk's fees,		
3358 at \$.35	(1175.30)	
9 transf. at \$.25	(2.25)	<u>10,305.70</u>

To the Commissioners on Fisheries and Game for
hunting licenses, etc., in 1973:

752 fishing at \$8.25	6,204.00	
338 hunting at \$8.25	2,788.50	
177 sporting at \$13.50	2,389.50	
77 minor fishing at \$6.25	481.25	
4 res. alien fish. at \$11.25	45.00	
5 non-res.cit./alien fish. at \$14.25 .	71.25	
3 non-res.cit./alien 7-day fishing at \$8.25	24.75	
1 minor trapping at \$6.25	6.25	
1 res.cit.trapping at \$11.50	11.50	
8 duplicate at \$1.00	8.00	
1 alien hunting at \$16.25	16.25	
11 archery stamps at \$5.10	<u>56.10</u>	
	12,102.35	
less City Clerk's fees,		
1359 at \$.25	339.75	
11 stamps at \$.10	<u>1.10</u>	
	<u>- 340.85</u>	11,761.50

To City Treasurer monthly:

All the receipts above specified except for hunting licenses and dog licenses	<u>25,170.98</u>
	47,238.18

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Besides the licenses mentioned in the foregoing list of receipts, licenses and permits have been granted by the Board of Aldermen, without charge, as follows:

Outdoor Concerts	1
Parade with Music in Streets	2

DEATHS

Number of deaths in Somerville in 1973 1035

Died in City 570

Died out of City 465

Stillbirths (0) 1035

Males 539

Females 496

1035

Age of the oldest person who died in Somerville 101

#574-21 was the last record figured in the annual report.

1973

MARRIAGES

Number of intentions issued in 1973 989

Less than previous year 104

Number of marriages registered in 1973 1051

Less than previous year 103

Both parties American 859

Both parties Foreign 64

American Bride and Foreign Groom 83

American Groom and Foreign Bride 45

TOTAL 1051

First marriage 1754

Second marriage 321

Third marriage 25

Fourth marriage 2

TOTAL 2102

Total marriages for the year 1973 1051 Couples

BIRTHS

Number of births in Somerville reported by physicians for 1973

Females 2*

The following is a statement in full for the births for 1972

Number of births in Somerville for 1972 104

Males	48
Females	<u>56</u>
	104

Number of births in other places in 1972 registered	<u>1115</u>
	1219

Born of American Parents	862
Born of Foreign Parents	229
Born of American Father, Foreign Mother	44
Born of Foreign Father, American Mother	80
Born of American Mother, Father Unknown	4
Born of Foreign Mother, Father Unknown	<u>0</u>
	1219

Number of Twins 6

William J. Donovan
City Clerk

*Born at home

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES

To the Honorable, the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

I herewith present the annual report of the City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes for the Calendar year 1973.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Hilliard
City Treasurer and
Collector of Taxes

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS CALENDAR YEAR 1973

	Revenue Funds	Non-Revenue Funds	Totals
Cash Balance			
January 1, 1973	\$ 1,618,515.48	\$ 659,733.81	\$ 2,278,249.29
Receipts	74,127,414.89	7,255,276.50	81,382,691.39
Cash Adjustment	<u>45,447.71</u>	<u> </u>	<u>45,477.71</u>
	75,791,378.08	7,915,010.31	83,706,388.39

DISBURSEMENTS

Revenue			
Payments	75,012,455.21	7,791,415.35	82,803,870.56
Cash			
Adjustment	<u>— 104.50</u>	<u> </u>	<u>104.50</u>
Cash on Hand			
January 1, 1974	<u>\$ 778,818.37</u>	<u>\$ 123,594.96</u>	<u>\$ 902,413.33</u>

SPECIAL CASH ACCOUNT FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING

January 1, 1973	989,725.00
Receipts	<u>2,604,583.00</u>
	3,594,308.00
Accrued Interest	<u>171,672.05</u>
	3,765,980.05
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>-3,754,892.91</u>
	<u>11,087.14</u>

ASSESSMENT AND VALUATIONS

Assessed Valuation – 1973 REAL and PERSONAL	138,921.300
Equalized Valuation – 1973 As determined by State Tax	
Commission	330,000,000
Motor Vehicle Valuation – 1973 \$66.00 per \$1,000.	
Real Estate and Personal Property	
Tax Rate – 1973 \$171.60 per \$1,000.	
Committed for Collection 1973	
Real Estate Taxes	\$21,153,054.78
	Water Liens \$ 69,675.57
	Building Codes \$ 18,073.00
	<u> </u>
TOTAL REAL ESTATE	\$21,240,803.35
Personal Property Taxes – 1973	
1973 Real and Personal Tax Levy	\$ 2,765,136.66
Water Departmental Accounts	
Committed for Collector in 1973	\$ 750,514.40
Other Departmental Accounts	
Committed for Collector in 1973	<u>\$ 159,464.78</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT COMMITTED	\$24,915,919.19
State Assessment For City in 1973	\$ 4,435,891.04
County Tax Assessment For City in 1973	\$ 1,441,891.49
County Hospital Assessment For City in 1973	<u>\$ 106,179.13</u>
TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	\$ 5,983,961.66

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES COMMITTED IN 1973

Comm.	Date	Amount
#1	5-1-73	\$ 263,042.05
2	6-19-73	302,608.40
3	7-3-73	249,517.98
4	7-19-73	2,300.10
5	8-7-73	238,756.75
6	9-18-73	303,692.90
7	10-29-73	8,030.28
8	11-26-73	222,554.46
9	12-12-73	<u>1,630.91</u>
	TOTAL	\$1,592,133.83

1972 EXCISE COMMITTED IN 1973

Comm.	Date	Amount
#	2-2-73	\$ 200,538.72
	2-12-73	21,558.50
	3-23-73	3,631.93
	4-12-73	93,315.65
	4-23-73	655.88
	7-18-73	1,206.99
	7-23-73	105,000.73
	9-14-73	517.83
	10-12-73	31,794.29
	11-14-73	<u>516.81</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 458,737.33

1971 EXCISE COMMITTED IN 1973

Comm.	Date	Amount
#	9-14-73	\$ 187.28

1970 EXCISE COMMITTED IN 1973

Comm.	Date	Amount
#	9-14-73	\$ 99.00

1969 EXCISE COMMITTED 1973

Comm.	Date	Amount
#	9-14-73	\$ 148.50
TOTALS		\$2,051,305.94

TEMPORARY LOANS IN 1973 IN ANTICIPATION OF REVENUE

Date of Note	Due Date	Rate	Amount
2-20-73	11-6-73	250M @ 3.18%	\$ 1,000,000
		375M @ 3.21%	
		375M @ 3.21%	
3-2-73	11-13-73	500M @ 3.20%	1,000,000
		250M @ 3.25%	
		250M @ 3.26%	
3-20-73	11-19-73	750M @ 3.59%	1,000,000
		250M @ 2.50%	
4-20-73	11-23-73	500M @ 3.80%	1,000,000
		250M @ 3.83%	
		125M @ 3.84%	
		125M @ 3.84%	
5-7-73	11-28-73	500M @ 3.95%	1,500,000
		500M @ 3.99%	
		250M @ 3.99%	
		250M @ 3.99%	
5-21-73	11-5-73	1,000M @ 4.14%	1,000,000
5-29-73	11-7-73	100M @ 4.25%	1,000,000
		100M @ 4.25%	
		250M @ 4.30%	
		100M @ 4.30%	
		250M @ 4.31%	

		200M @ 4.33%	
6-13-73	11-16-73	100M @ 4.55%	2,000,000
		100M @ 4.60%	
		100M @ 4.75%	
		250M @ 4.81%	
		250M @ 4.83%	
		250M @ 4.88%	
		500M @ 4.90%	
		150M @ 4.91%	
		150M @ 4.91%	
		150M @ 4.91%	
6-27-73	11-21-73	1,000M @ 4.93%	1,000,000
9-17-73	11-1-73	400M @ 6.29%	500,000
		100M @ 6.10%	
8-30-73	11-5-73	500M @ 6.09%	500,000
9-10-73	11-5-73	500M @ 6.07%	500,000
12-21-73	5-9-73	250M @ 4.98%	2,000,000
		500M @ 5.00%	
		250M @ 5.50%	
		750M @ 5.08%	
		250M @ 5.10%	
		TOTAL	\$14,000,000.

BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES ISSUED IN 1973

January 25, 1973

\$100,000.00 @ 3.40% Interest payable at maturity August 1, 1973 for
 55,000.00 for SCHOOL PROJECT LOAN
 40,000.00 for DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT BOND
 5,000.00 for FEDERAL AID ANTICIPATION NOTE

February 6, 1973

\$5,000.00 @ 3.40% Interest payable at maturity August 1, 1973 for
 HIGH SCHOOL REMODELING

February 26, 1973

\$35,000.00 @ 3.40% Interest payable at maturity August 1, 1973 for
 10,000.00 for STREET BONDS
 10,000.00 for SIDEWALK BONDS
 15,000.00 for WATER BONDS

March 9, 1973

\$20,000.00 @ 3.40% Interest payable at maturity August 1, 1973 for
 5,000.00 for HIGH SCHOOL REMODELING
 15,000.00 for SCHOOL PROJECT LOAN WARD I

March 26, 1973

\$300,000.00 @ 4.00% Interest payable at maturity August 1, 1973 for
 WARD ONE SCHOOL

April 10, 1973

\$15,000.00 @ 4.00% Interest payable at maturity August 1, 1973 for
 DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT BOND

April 18, 1973

\$15,000.00 @ 4.00% Interest payable at maturity August 1, 1973 for
 SEWER BOND

April 30, 1973

\$55,000.00 @ 4.00% Interest payable at maturity August 1, 1973 for
 35,000.00 for DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT
 20,000.00 for CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

May 2, 1973

\$25,000.00 @ 4.00% Interest payable at maturity August 1, 1973 for
 WARD ONE SCHOOL

May 11, 1973

\$195,000.00 @ 4.00% Interest payable at maturity August 1, 1973 for
 WARD ONE SCHOOL

June 4, 1973

\$5,000.00 @ 4.00% Interest payable at maturity August 1, 1973 for
WATER PLANNING BOND

June 21, 1973

\$35,000.00 @ 4.00% Interest payable at maturity August 1, 1973 for
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BOND

June 29, 1973

\$220,000.00 @ 4.10% Interest payable at maturity August 1, 1973 for
20,000.00 for OPEN SPACE LAND PROJECT
55,000.00 for DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT
25,000.00 WARD TWO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
25,000.00 WARD FOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
95,000.00 for WARD FOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

July 10, 1973

\$15,000.00 @ 4.10% Interest payable at maturity August 1, 1973 for
5,000.00 for SIDEWALK (GOV. WINTHROP ROAD)
10,000.00 for STREET CONSTRUCTION (GOV. WINTHROP
ROAD)

July 17, 1973

\$10,000.00 @ 4.80% Interest payable at maturity August 1, 1973 for
WATER PLANNING BOND

July 20, 1973

\$35,000.00 @ 4.80% Interest payable at maturity August 1, 1973 for
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

August 1, 1973

\$50,000.00 @ 6.75% Interest payable at maturity August 1, 1973 for
WARD ONE SCHOOL

August 10, 1973

\$35,000.00 @ 6.75% Interest payable at maturity August 1, 1973 for
25,000.00 for CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
10,000.00 for WATER & SEWER PLANNING

August 15, 1973

\$5,000.00 @ 6.50% Interest payable at maturity Dec. 18, 1973 for
OPEN SPACE LAND PROJECT

September 11, 1973

\$40,000.00 @ 6.10% Interest payable at maturity Dec. 18, 1973 for
KENNEDY SCHOOL

September 14, 1973

\$30,000.00 @ 6.10% Interest payable at maturity Dec. 18, 1973 for
DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT

September 18, 1973

\$35,000.00 @ 6.10% Interest payable at maturity Dec. 18, 1973 for
WATER BONDS

September 19, 1973

\$35,000.00 @ 6.10% Interest payable at maturity Dec. 18, 1973 for
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FOR PARKS

September 26, 1973

\$360,000.00 @ 6.10% Interest payable at maturity Jan. 15, 1974 for
\$260,000.00 for SCHOOL PROJECT LOAN WARD IV
35,000.00 for SCHOOL PROJECT LOAN WARD II
65,000.00 for DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT

October 2, 1973

\$40,000.00 @ 6.10% Interest payable at maturity Dec. 18, 1973 for
WARD I SCHOOL

October 16, 1973

\$50,000.00 @ 5.90% Interest payable at maturity Nov. 16, 1973 for
CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT TO PARKS

October 29, 1973

\$150,000.00 @ 5.90% Interest payable at maturity Jan. 15, 1974 for
REMODELING BONDS J.F.K.

November 14, 1973

\$5,000.00 @ 5.90% Interest payable at maturity Jan. 15, 1974 for
REMODELING KENNEDY SCHOOL

December 3, 1973

\$60,000.00 @ 5.25% Interest payable at maturity Feb. 15, 1974 for
55,000.00 for REMODELING J.F.K. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
5,000.00 for DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT

December 14, 1973

\$365,000.00 @ 5.25% Interest payable at maturity March 1, 1974 for
200,000.00 for SCHOOL PROJECT WARD V
15,000.00 for SCHOOL PROJECT WARD I
150,000.00 for SCHOOL PROJECT WARD IV

December 21, 1973

\$200,000.00 @ 5.25% Interest payable at maturity March 1, 1974 for
FIRE STATION BONDS

SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING FUNDED DEBT

as of

DECEMBER 31, 1973

Description of Issue	Interest Rate	Date of Issue	Due Date	Amount Due
Elementary School Loan	2.20%	12-1-53	1973	\$ 40,000.00
School Remodeling Loan-1969	5.60%	8-1-69	1983	540,000.00
School Remodeling Loan-1971	5.25%	2-1-73	1975	50,000.00
PWD Incinerator Loan-1958-59	3.10%	3-1-59	1977	380,000.00
Funding Loan	5.60%	12-1-73	1986	<u>6,298,000.00</u>
TOTAL OF LOANS INSIDE DEBT LIMIT				\$7,308,000.00

LOANS OUTSIDE STATUTORY DEBT LIMIT

Elementary School Loan-1964	3.10%	10-1-64	1983	\$1,170,000.00
Elementary School Loan-W. I	5.60%	9-1-70	1989	3,150,000.00

Elementary School Loan-

Ward VII and Pope

School Addition	5.25%	8-1-72	1991	4,450,000.00
Urban Renewal Loan-1969	5.60%	8-1-69	1986	<u>690,000.00</u>

TOTAL FUNDED DEBT

\$9,460,000.00

**PROJECTED ANNUAL FUNDED DEBT
AND INTEREST PAYMENTS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1973**

Year	Principal	Interest	Total Amount Due
1974	860,000.00	528,877.50	1,388,877.50
1975	860,000.00	486,275.00	1,346,275.00
1976	835,000.00	443,672.50	1,278,672.50
1977	835,000.00	402,382.50	1,237,382.50
1978	680,000.00	371,092.50	1,051,092.50
1979	670,000.00	328,357.50	998,357.50
1980	615,000.00	296,815.00	911,815.00
1981	615,000.00	266,125.00	881,125.00
1982	615,000.00	235,435.00	850,435.00
1983	615,000.00	204,745.00	819,745.00
1984	500,000.00	174,055.00	674,055.00
1985	500,000.00	146,930.00	646,930.00
1986	480,000.00	119,805.00	599,805.00
1987	450,000.00	93,800.00	543,800.00
1988	450,000.00	79,475.00	529,475.00
1989	400,000.00	45,150.00	445,150.00
1990	250,000.00	23,625.00	273,625.00
1991	<u>200,000.00</u>	<u>10,500.00</u>	<u>210,500.00</u>
TOTALS	10,430,000.00	4,257,117.50	14,687,117.50

**PROJECTED FUNDED DEBT AND INTEREST
TO BE PAID IN JANUARY THRU JUNE
1974**

Month Due	Bond Amount	Interest On Bonds	Total
JANUARY	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 1,312.50	\$ 21,312.50
FEBRUARY	.....	151,252.50	151,252.50
MARCH	55,000.00	93,315.00	148,315.00
APRIL	.....	18,985.00	18,985.00
JUNE	.....	176,344.00	176,344.00
TOTALS	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 441,209.00	\$ 516,209.00

**ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE
BOARD OF HEALTH
CITY OF SOMERVILLE
FOR THE YEAR
1973**

**Reports of the Public Health Nurses, School Nurses, Health Officer,
Sanitary Inspectors, Veterinarian, Milk Inspector, School Dentists, and
the Housing Inspectors.**

To the Honorable Mayor,
Board of Aldermen,
of the City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

We respectfully submit the following, which is a summary of the work of the department for the year 1973, as the twenty-fifth annual report for the Board of Health.

RECORD OF LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

Slaughter License	One application for a permit to slaughter poultry under provision of Section 139a of Chapter 679 of General Laws. A fee of \$1.00 was charged.
Massage License	One license was issued for the practice of massage. A fee of \$1.00 was charged.
Bottling License	Two licenses to engage in the business of bottling carbonated beverages, soda water and mineral water were granted. A fee of \$20.00 per license is charged for each, of which \$10.00 is paid to the State Public Health.
Nursing Homes Permit	In accordance with Section 71 and 73 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws, eleven applications for the renewal of licenses to operate Convalescent or Nursing homes for the

	aged were approved by the Board of Health and forwarded to the State Public Health.
Funeral Directors	In accordance with Chapter 112 of the General Laws, Sec. 83, twenty-three Funeral Directors have been registered and are qualified to be licensed by the State Public Health and local Public Health. No fee is charged.
Day Care	There are three day care centers licensed by the State Public Health Department. Notification sent to local Health Department by State

BIOLOGICAL SUPPLIES AND DIAGNOSTIC TEST OUTFITS

The Health Department continued as the distributing center for all biologic supplies and diagnostic test outfits, with sub-stations at the following locations.

Health Clinic	Public Works Building
Reed Drug Store	Davis Square
Lepore Pharmacy	725 Broadway
Union Square Pharmacy	23 Union Square
Apothecary Hall	152 Highland Avenue
Janar Pharmacy	497 Broadway
Central Hospital	Central Street

BIOLOGICALS:

Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertusis
Diphtheria and Tetanus
Diphtheria and Tetanus (adult)
Diphtheria Antitoxin
Immune Serum Globulin
Measles
Old Tuberculin
Poliomyelitis Vaccine
Smallpox

Tetanus Toxoid
 Typhoid
 Mumps
 German Measles
 Combination of German Measles & Measles

DIAGNOSTIC TEST OUTFITS:

Throat Cultures
 Undulant Fever
 Wasserman Tubes
 Enteric Cultures
 Gonorrhea Smear
 Tine Test

MORTALITY

There were 574 deaths during the year 1973, as specified in the following tables.

Deaths at Central Hospital.	85
Deaths at Somerville Hospital	270
Deaths a Home for Aged — Highland Avenue	14
Deaths at Other Institutions	59

DEATHS BY AGES

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTALS
Under 1 Year	1	2	3
One to Five Years	—	—	—
Five to Ten Years	—	—	—
Ten to Fifteen Years	—	—	—
Fifteen to Twenty Years.	1	2	3
Twenty to Thirty Years	3	3	6
Thirty to Forty Years.	6	5	11
Forty to Fifty Years	14	9	23
Fifty to Sixty Years.	30	18	48

Sixty to Seventy Years	69	45	114
Seventy to Eighty Years	94	81	175
Eighty to Ninety Years	53	87	140
Ninety to One Hundred Years	12	37	49
Over One Hundred Years	—	2	2
TOTALS	283	291	574

There were 3 deaths of infants under one year of age during the year as shown in the following:

Crib Death	1
Pneumonia	2

DEATHS DURING THE LAST 10 YEARS

1964 — 663	1969 — 682
1965 — 703	1970 — 696
1966 — 714	1971 — 624
1967 — 716	1972 — 613
1968 — 696	1973 — 574

CAUSES OF DEATH — 1973

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
1. Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	2	2	2					1	8	6	10	3	5
2. Cancer and other Tumors	4	7	3	3	4	6	6	4					64
3. Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition, Etc.			1				1	1					3
4. Diseases of Blood Forming Organs		1							1				2
5. Chronic Poisoning and Intoxication	1	1											2
6. Diseases of the Nervous System and Sense Organs	11	7	6	7	7	3	9	5	3	1	5	4	68
7. Diseases of the Circulating System	38	30	29	18	26	21	26	24	18	22	26	26	304
8. Diseases of the Respiratory System	9	8	7	9	5	3	7	2	3	4	9	4	70
9. Diseases of the Digestive System	2	4	1	1	2	1	1		4	3	4	2	24
10. Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System.	1		2	1	2	1			1				8
11. Diseases of Pregnancy, Childbirth, Etc..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12. Diseases of Skin and Cellular Tissue	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
13. Diseases of Bones and Organs of Movement	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
14. Congenital Malformations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15. Diseases Peculiar to First Year of Life	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16. Senility.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17. Violent or Accidental.	1	1	3	2	1	2	1		1	2	4	1	19
18. Ill Defined and Unknown Causes	—	2	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5
TOTALS.	67	63	55	40	48	37	52	37	39	38	58	40	574

TUBERCULOSIS

There were 12 cases of Tuberculosis, all forms reported, in 1973. Of the 12 cases, only 4 of these patients were admitted to Middlesex County Hospital.

Total attendance at clinic, 1973 201
 Average attendance per clinic. 18

Age and Sex of cases of Tuberculosis reported during 1973.

	M	F	TOTAL
Under 15 years of age.	1	—	1
15 years to 20 years of age	1	—	1
20 years to 30 years of age	—	2	2
30 years to 40 years of age	1	—	1
Over 40 years of age.	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>
TOTALS	9	3	12

Clinics for x-ray and examination of patients and contacts are by appointment only.

IMMUNIZATION CLINICS FOR 1973

	Totals	1st	2nd	3rd	Booster
Diphtheria, Pertusis & Tetanus . .	385	94	82	66	143
Polio	522	91	101	174	156
Measles	53				
Mumps	192				
German Measles	98				
Tuberculin Tests	109				
Rubella & Measles.	<u>176</u>				
Total Immunizations	1535	185	183	240	299

Recapitulations of Visits by Public Health Nurses.

Tuberculosis	96
Contagious Diseases	153
Miscellaneous	337
Infant Hygiene	267
Clinics	<u>425</u>
TOTALS	1278

On November 14, 1973, a Glaucoma Clinic was held at Somerville Hospital at which time 155 people were checked.

The following is a list of the various animal bites in the City of Somerville during the year 1973.

Dog bites	166
Hamster Bites	1
Cat Bites	4
Rabbit Bites	1
Total Bites	172

During the year of 1973, the Board of Health sponsored a Rabies Clinic which saw 591 dogs inoculated against rabies.

There were 7 heads sent to the laboratory in 1973.

All bites were checked and where possible the animal was ordered restrained.

Listed below are the various licenses given to stores, restaurants, dealers, plants and dairy freeze trucks in 1973.

217 milk licenses
 168 ice cream licenses
 98 oleo licenses
 14 ice cream licenses
 2 bottling plants

An average of 40,000 quarts of milk and 1,000 quarts of cream are distributed daily in Somerville. The Milk Inspector makes a spot check weekly on various trucks, and makes an analysis on the contents and sends a report to the company involved.

Routine sanitary inspections are made of establishments licensed for the manufacture or sale of milk, ice cream and other dairy products.

A total of 220 inspections were made during 1973.

Samples collected	82
Examinations:	
Bacteriological	328
Chemical	164
Phosphatase	82
Microscopic	<u>12</u>
Total Examinations	586

Following is a summary of the Sanitary complaints and condemnations made by the Sanitary Inspectors in 1973.

Sanitary Complaints:

Burning rubbish	0
Dumping rubbish in restricted areas	7
Dirty yards and cellars	110
Dirty Stores	21
Garbage and rubbish	87
Uncovered garbage and rubbish barrels	20
Uncovered meat in markets	0
Adulterated foods	4
Exposed food complaints	0
Lack of heat	18
Defective plumbing	5
Leaky Roofs	8
Rat and roach infestation	47
Offensive odors	35
Smoke nuisances	15

Food and liquors condemned.	0
Mosquitos	0
Water	5
Miscellaneous	45

TOTALS	427
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Number of establishments inspected	2450
Number of complaints written, inspected.	400
Number of complaints unlisted, inspected	150
Notices sent	425

CONDEMNATIONS

Bakery Products . . 15 loaves of bread	Eggs 5 dozen
Butter 10 lbs.	Frozen Foods . . 300 lbs.
Candy 40 lbs.	Fruit 40 lbs.
Canned Goods . . . 250 cans	Meat 150 lbs.
Cheese 15 lbs.	Miscellaneous vegetables . . . 65 lbs.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Area Coding:

Dwelling structures inspected.	970
Dwelling units inspected	2,762
Dwelling units with violations	1,477
Dwelling units with violations corrected.	1,845
Dwelling units re-inspected	3,845

Complaints:

Dwelling units investigated	1,084
Dwelling units with violations	1,084

DENTAL CLINICS

The following is a report of the School Dental Clinics for the year ending December 31, 1973.

Patients:		Knapp	E.S.C.S.	Healy	St. Joseph's	Conwell & Kennedy	Totals
Old cases		631	430	508	380	417	2366
New cases		84	108	98	77	94	461
Emergency cases		2	6	4	15	3	30
Special cases		1	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS		718	544	610	472	514	2858
Cases discharged		65	152	43	185	51	496
Cases continued		653	392	567	287	463	2362
Treatments:							
No. of visits		717	544	610	472	514	2857
No. of fillings		1245	545	486	740	459	3475
No. of treatments		1	18	3	37	19	78
No. of extractions		18	135	26	28	57	236
No. of cleanings		0	127	101	190	8	426
No. of certs.		0	125	41	74	22	262
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Referrals:

Building Department	60
Plumbing	0
Electrical	0
Water Department	0
Highway Department	0
Police Department	0
Fire Prevention	<u>0</u>
Total Referrals	60

Law Enforcement:

Legal notices served	920
Legal notices served (Constable Service).	0
Legal notices served (Certified Mail Service)	42
Second letters sent.	114
Third letters sent.	0
Ownership (Title search).	0
Buildings placarded	0

SCHOOL NURSE REPORT 1972 — 1973

1. TINE TESTS

Grade 1 Completed:	1,544
New School Personnel Completed:	42

2. PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

Grades 1, 4, 7, 10:

Total By School M.D.	Total by Family M.D.	Referrals	Referrals Completed
4,077	235	678	361

3. IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

Diphtheria and Tetanus:	0
Polio	193
Measles	570
Mumps	539
Rubella	52
Measles and Rubella	2,063

4. HEARING PROGRAM FOLLOW-UP

Hearing tests by technicians, notices to parents of failures and follow-ups by school nurses.

Total	Failures	Referrals Completed
7,947	627	244

5. VISION PROGRAM FOLLOW-UP

Vision tests by technicians, notices to parents of failures and follow-ups by school nurses.

Total	Failures	Referrals Completed
11,439	1,037	688

SOMERVILLE SCHOOL NURSES DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

1. IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

Since 1971 the State Board of Public Health has required that each child receive inoculations before he attends school. The school nurses must ascertain which children have not received their complete inoculations and then administer them.

Innoculations include Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella.

Tine tests were given to Grade 1 and to new school personnel.

2. HEALTH CARDS

The school nurses are responsible for the maintenance of health records. Information is received from parents and doctors and is then recorded by the school nurses. The health card includes information on physical examinations results, inoculations, physical handicaps, childhood diseases, and congenital defects.

3. PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

Were given to Grades 1, 4, 7, and to Grade 10 at St. Joseph's High School. Parents were notified of any defects found in their children.

4. CLERICAL DUTIES

School nurses are responsible for the following:

- a. Lists of handicapped children in each school.
- b. Reports to the State Department of Public Health on communicable diseases and on programs inaugurated by the nurses.
- c. Recording of health cards.
- d. Special reports requested by the state or local departments of public health.

5. OTHER GENERAL DUTIES

- a. Hygiene and nutrition discussions.
- b. Films and discussions about drugs.

- c. Counselling with parent, teachers and children.
- d. Medical referrals
- e. Emergency medical care.
- f. Home visits and phone calls.
- g. First Aid.

6. SEMINARS

The school nurses attended various educational seminars during the school year. They include a drug seminar conducted by the staff of the Sanctuary in Cambridge; a "New Trends in School Nursing" seminar, conducted by the State Department of Public Health held at Tewksbury State Hospital; and a seminar on child abuse sponsored by the Massachusetts Nurse's Association and the Children's Protective Services.

One nurse attended a graduate program at Yale University on "Present Trends and Alternatives to Drug Use." In addition, the nurses participated in a PTA Council meeting on venereal diseases. The three junior high school nurses attended a three day Adolescence and Mental Health In-Service at the Cambridge Developmental Center.

7. NURSING EDUCATION

The school nurses accepted several Northeastern University Public Health Student Nurses for their field work in public health. Each nurse was assigned one student for two days a week. In addition, a student nurse from Boston University was accepted for a six-week work/study program with the Somerville school nurses.

VISION AND HEARING TECHNICIAN REPORT

1. VISION

	TESTED	FINAL FAILURES
Kindergarten through Grade 9:	11,439	1,037
Somerville High School:	1,887	236

2. HEARING

	TESTED	FINAL FAILURES
Grades 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8 (Includes requests from all grades and previous failures):	7,974	652
Somerville High School:	937	72

Reports submitted by vision technicians Jean Collins, Alice McCarthy and Theresa Monagle; hearing technicians Betty Letendre, Jeannette Rizzo, and Jean Thompson.

CIVIL DEFENSE REPORT

During the calendar year 1973, the volunteers of the Civil Defense Department donated a total of 24,671 hours to the City of Somerville. This is broken down as follows:

Auxiliary Police, 14,513 hours which includes Church traffic, Anti-vandalism patrols, Firearms instruction and Police Science instruction.

Auxiliary Fire, 10,158 hours which includes 193 responses by the fire equipment to multiple alarms, working fires, and water leaks, also 654 responses by the ambulance to emergency requests for medical assistance.

The combined total of hours for both units represents a savings to the city of over \$125,000.00 in salaries in a single year. The 654 ambulance runs represent a savings of \$23,000.00 to the citizens of the city. The combined total of savings to the residents of the city by our volunteer services is in excess of \$148,000.00 for 1973.

The Somerville Civil Defense Department is justly proud of its volunteers and boasts of the best and most active Auxiliaries in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Both volunteers and staff participated in Rescue, Fire-fighting, Ambulance and Police Science courses offered by the Civil Defense Training Academy. The staff also attended seminars on Emergency Preparedness and the Energy Crisis.

Somerville Civil Defense sponsored and helped to run a seminar on Disaster Nursing for the Northeastern University Nurses working in our city, and also ran 5 Cardio-Pulmonary-Resuscitation courses for interested citizens.

The Civil Defense Department has participated in all monthly tests, both radio and Fanout Alerts, and is actively engaged in the State

Surplus Property program. In 1973, the department received \$50,064.44 in Governmental Surplus Property for which it paid a total of \$2,081.93.

Broken down as follows:

	Federal Cost	Our Cost
Surplus from State	\$24,677.44	\$1,270.16
Surplus from G.S.A.	\$25,387.00	\$ 811.77
Totals	\$50,064.44	\$2,081.93

The equipment received includes a Forklift, a Dodge truck, a Fire truck, 2 Army trucks and many pieces of small equipment such as desks, fans, typewriters, chairs, drillpress, stretchers, cabinets and assorted hardware. This surplus property is all currently in use by the various city departments and more is constantly being sought.

Because of a successful Program Paper, our Eligibility to receive Federal funding for salaries was once again approved and over \$11,000.00 in Federal funds was received by the city in matching funds for Civil Defense salaries.

In summary, the department provided:

24,671 volunteer hours, saving	\$125,000.00
654 Ambulance runs, saving	\$23,000.00
Surplus property, saving	\$50,064.00
Matching funds, saving	\$11,000.00
A total saving of	\$209,064.00

Respectfully submitted,

John A. McNerny

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SOMERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

To The Honorable Mayor
and the Board of Alderman
of the City of Somerville

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Somerville Public Library is herewith respectfully submitted.

The role of the Library Board in 1973 was a greatly expanded one. Many hours of regular and special meetings were spent in the reviewing of forty-three applications and the in-depth interviewing of twelve candidates for the position of Director of the Somerville Public Library. The search culminated in the appointment of Annalee Bundy, former Assistant Director of the Medford Libraries.

Plans have already been initiated for a complete renovation of the public library system, involving both the physical plant and the types of services the library will be providing for many years to come. An architectural firm has been engaged to perform a feasibility study for development of the library system. Financing of the renovation must be done through various methods and sources.

Another important development has been the formation of a Professional Standards Committee to work towards a revised personnel structure and the provision of incentive for the staff members to improve themselves through study.

Not only have the staff members been encouraged to attend professional meetings, but it is desirable that trustees get involved with the state and national library organizations.

Respectfully,

William T. Howe
Board of Trustees

December 31, 1973

BOARD OF TRUSTEES	TERM EXPIRES
Rev. William T. Howe, Chairman	January 1, 1974
Mr. George Beal	January 1, 1976
Mrs. Agnes W. Benichasa	January 1, 1975
Mr. John Campana, Jr.	January 1, 1976
Mrs. Margaret H. Chisholm	January 1, 1976
Mrs. Annie L. Johnson	January 1, 1974
Mr. Kenneth W. Lonergan	January 1, 1976
Mr. Thomas F. O'Brien	January 1, 1974
Rabbi Leo Shubow	January 1, 1975

COMMITTEE ON BUILDING AND PROPERTY

The Chairman and the Vice Chairman

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Mr. Kenneth W. Lonergan

To The Board of Trustees:

As the Director of the Somerville Public Library, I herewith submit the one hundred and first Report, for 1973, to the Mayor, Trustees, and Citizens of Somerville.

The hundredth year of the Somerville Public Library has been a busy one. There have been many personnel changes and new services added.

One of the most important goals of a public library is good, efficient service to meet the needs of the citizens of the community. Toward this end changes are being made in the staffing pattern of the library by creating new positions and duties, and by eliminating others. Among the new positions are those of Children's Services Supervisor; Young Adult Services Librarian; Adult Services Librarian; and a Children's Librarian at West Branch.

Pre-school story hours have been introduced at the Central Library and at the West Branch. Afternoon film programs for children have been given at the West Branch also. Summer story hour-craft programs were held at the Central Library and at the West Branch.

One Adult Services Librarian has been surveying the adult collection and deciding where the weaknesses are. He will then purchase more materials in these fields to compliment those already in the collection.

A new Reference Librarian has also been added. She has been working on streamlining our acquisitions procedures. Acquisitions will be coordinated so that we have more materials available to all branches when the demand comes.

The entire Reference Department has received compliments from patrons from Somerville and from surrounding communities. Members of this Department are commended for their courteous, friendly, and fast service.

All other departments have provided support for those departments that supply public service. Their conscientiousness in providing back-up services is essential to our operation. The Office, the Periodical Department, and Cataloging Department have been called upon to double their previous output.

The Library has been working on an Action and Referral Center (ARC) with the Mayor's Funding Office. This Center has been established in the library to provide information about community agencies to Somerville residents and refer residents to the agency which can provide services requested.

The circulation of library materials is increasing. Book circulation statistics now reflect only those books borrowed directly by the public, but collections of books are also provided to schools for circulation. Inter-library loan and film borrowing have also increased.

In November the Trustees voted unanimously to close three Branch Libraries — Teele Square Branch, Ten Hills Station, and Union Square Branch. These branches were housed in rented buildings, were not used

Circulation and Use:

Number of volumes of adult non-fiction lent for home use	43,157
Number of volumes of adult fiction lent for home use	67,589
Number of volumes of juveniles lent for home use	90,213
Total number of volumes lent for home use	200,959
Period of loan for the majority of adult book stock	14 days
Number of inter-library loans: Volumes lent	107
Volumes borrowed	178
Number of reference questions answered	22,237
Total number of records lent for home use	10,217

Registration	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Total number of registered borrowers	10,676	6,649	17,325
Borrowers registered during year	3,884	2,244	6,128
Registration Period: Three years			

Book Stock:	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Number of volumes December 31, 1972 . . .	101,408	77,287	178,695
Number of volumes added during year . . .	7,797	1,967	9,764
Number of volumes withdrawn during year . .	5,533	3,708	9,241
Number of volumes December 31, 1973 . . .	103,672	75,546	179,218
Number of newspapers currently received excluding duplicates			21
Number of periodicals currently received excluding duplicates			252

Finance

Assessed valuation of the City (Real Estate) – \$138,921,300.00

City tax rate for 1973 – \$171.60 per \$1,000.00

Receipts

Local taxation \$422,213.11

Library Department:

Fines included in above \$ 3,420.46

Dog licenses included in above 11,483.25

Invested Funds:

Balance from 1972 12,838.78

Income during 1973 2,177.40 15,016.18

State Grant – not encumbered \$33,292.13

Balance 1972 – Ordinary Maintenance 8,502.38

Total \$445,731.67

Expenditures:

Salaries — Library Department . . .	345,836.88		
Books	52,206.87		
Music	1,343.65		
Periodicals	3,914.39		
Binding	1,112.70		
Insurance	—		
Other operating expenses:			
Appropriation	14,728.99		
Funds	743.61	15,472.60	419,887.09

Balance — December, 1973

Library Department

Appropriations:

Services	\$ 9,951.89
Ordinary Maintenance	—44.91
Charg. System	1,000.00
1972 Balance	665.03
Funds	<u>14,272.57</u>

25,844.58

Total \$445,731.67

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 7, 1974

To the Honorable, The Mayor,
and the Board of Aldermen,
City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Police Department,
for the year ending, December 31, 1973.

ARRESTS

Whole number of	4084	
On summons	1772	
On warrants	722	
Without warrants	1590	4084
Held for trial	3911	
Delivered to other departments	166	
Released on waiver	7	4084
Males	3509	
Females	575	4084
Foreigners	184	
Non-residents	1290	
Minors	1063	
Juveniles	384	
Drunkenness, released	227	

POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

The police department consists of one hundred and forty (140) permanent police officers. Civilian employees, one Senior Account Clerk and Stenographer; one senior clerk; four telephone operator clerks; one matron; one provisional matron and two provisional telephone operator clerks and radio technician.

During the year, there were fourteen (14) permanent patrolmen appointed to the department. The following named were retired during the year; Captain John E. Hughes, Captain Fred A. Cammon and Patrolmen William J. Heafey, Joseph L. Mearls, John J. Fitzgerald and Charles W. Winn.

RANKS IN THE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police	1
Deputy Chiefs	2
Captains	2
Lieutenants	8
Sergeants	14
Patrolmen	112
Patrolman—Master Mechanic	1
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	140
Senior Account Clerk & Stenographer	1
Telephone Operator Clerks	4
Senior Clerk	1
Matron	1
Radio Technician	1
Telephone Operators Clerks Provisional	2
Matron Provisional	1
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IN CONCLUSION

I wish to thank His Honor the Mayor, members of the Board of Aldermen, heads of various departments and all members of the police department for their loyal support, cooperation and assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. O'Brien
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE SOMERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the year 1973 the Somerville Fire Department responded to the following alarms:

Bell Alarms	2773
Second Alarms	22
Third Alarms	6
Still Alarms	<u>2609</u>
Total Alarms	5410

Two citizens lost their lives as a direct result of burns and asphyxiation suffered in fires.

The fire losses for the year were as follows:

Buildings	\$ 742,925.40
Contents	\$ 394,012.20
Motor Vehicles	\$ <u>20,960.00</u>
Total Losses	\$1,157,907.60

Somerville received Mutual Aid assistance a total of 796 times from our neighboring Municipalities. The Somerville Fire Department rendered assistance to these Municipalities 540 times during the year.

Ladders totaling 16,556 feet were used in fire-fighting operations and a total of 538,450 feet of hose was used in fighting fires.

All hose was subjected to an annual pressure test and defective hose was replaced with new hose.

Fire Department pumpers pumped water at fires for a total of 481 hours. These pumpers were given their annual test in drafting operations and again during a survey of the fire defenses of the City. Recommendations were made to replace 4 Pumpers and a Ladder Truck. Bids were advertised and contracts signed for delivery of the needed equipment.

The first step of the apparatus modernization program was accomplished with the delivery of a 1250 G.P.M. Pump, 3 Hose Wagons, 2 Chief's cars and 1 Shop Truck during the year.

Fire Prevention Bureau made 1616 inspections of dwellings, stores, and business establishments. Quarterly inspections were made of Hospitals, Nursing and Convalescent homes. All complaints were investigated and corrective action was taken.

The Somerville Fire Department Auxiliary Continued their service to the City, contributing a total of 6803 man hours during the year.

One firefighter died during the year. Fourteen men were pensioned including, 2 Deputy Chiefs, 1 District Chief, 2 Lieutenants and 9 Firefighters.

Thirteen Firefighters were appointed to the Department during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Mack
Chief Engineer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LICENSING COMMISSION

To the Honorable, the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville.

Gentlemen:

The following factual information is respectfully submitted as the Annual Report of the Licensing Commission of the City of Somerville for the year ending December 31, 1973.

Commissioner Samuel S. Perlman served as Chairman of the Licensing Commission from January 1, 1973 to September 14, 1973, Commissioner Emmy L. Thidemann as Acting Chairlady from September 19, 1973 to November 14, 1973 and Commissioner Michael E. Rubin as Chairman from November 14, 1973 to the end of the year.

Michael E. Rubin was appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Aldermen and sworn in on November 13, 1973 as a member of the Licensing Commission to fill out the unexpired term of Commissioner Samuel S. Perlman who could not complete his term of office because of a Law that became effective September 14, 1973 that 'Members of the Licensing Boards shall be residents of the City in which they serve'.

Officer Vincent McDonough of the Somerville Police Department was assigned to the Licensing Commission for the year of 1973.

Anthony Palmer and Charles Caliri Board of Health Inspectors were assigned to the Licensing Commission for the year of 1973.

The Licensing Commission received the following applications for the year of 1973:

- 1 Application for a Malt Beverages & Wines 'Package Goods' Store License:—They voted GRANTED on this application and the

Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, APPROVED same. Therefore, one Malt Beverages & Wines 'Package Goods' Store License was issued in 1973.

- 2 Applications by the same applicant for an All Forms Alcoholic 7-Day Restaurant License:—On the first application because of a 500' Law they voted DENIED on the Alcoholic Beverages part of the application. The Common Victualler License had been granted previously but not issued. The applicant appealed to the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission notified the Somerville Commission that the 500' Law did not apply to this application and suggested that the applicant be allowed to file another application which the Somerville Commission GRANTED and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission APPROVED. Therefore, one All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7-Day Restaurant License was issued in 1973.
- 1 Application for a transfer of location and then for a transfer from one corporation to another corporation:—They voted GRANTED on both parts of this application and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission APPROVED the entire application.
- 1 Application for a transfer of location:—They voted GRANTED on this application and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission APPROVED same.
- 3 Applications for additional premises:—They voted GRANTED on one application and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission APPROVED same. The other two applications were withdrawn by the applicants.
- 2 Applications for change in premises:—They voted GRANTED on both applications. An approval from the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission not required.
- 3 Applications for a transfer from one corporation to another corporation and a change of manager:—They voted GRANTED on these three applications and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission APPROVED them.

- 1 Application for a transfer from a corporation to an individual:—They voted GRANTED on this application and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission APPROVED same.
- 1 Application for permission to add a doing business name:—They voted GRANTED on this application and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission APPROVED same.
- 1 Application requesting permission to drop a doing business name:—They voted GRANTED on this application and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission APPROVED same.
- 10 Applications for a change of manager:—They voted DENIED on one application. The other nine applications were APPROVED by them and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.
- 11 Applications for a transfer of stock:—They voted DENIED on one application. The other ten applications were APPROVED by them and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.
- 5 Applications for a pledge of stock:—They were APPROVED by them and the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.
- 9 Applications for change of officers:—They were APPROVED by them. An Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission approval not required.
- 1 Court notice filed of an appointment of a receiver. No approval required.
- 111 Applications for renewal of Alcoholic Beverages License for 1974 No hearing held on these applications as the applications were for the same type of license and were filed before December 1, 1973 which entitled the applicants to an automatic renewal under the provisions of the G.L. Chapter 138, Section 16a as amended by Chapter 352 of the acts of 1970.
- 58 All Forms Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant 7-Day License.

- 1 Malt Beverages and Wines.
- 1 All Forms Alcoholic Beverages Innholder 7-Day License.
- 15 All Forms Alcoholic Beverages Club 7-Day License.
- 21 All Forms Alcoholic Beverages Package Goods Store License.
- 12 Malt Beverages and Wines Package Goods Store License.
- 3 All Forms Alcoholic Beverages Section 30-A License (Druggist).

One Malt Beverages & Wines Package Goods Store License and one All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7-Day Club License were not renewed for 1974.

They GRANTED seven Full Entertainment and Dance Licenses for the year of 1974.

Six violations of the Law were reported to the Licensing Commission and after holding hearings on these they took appropriate action.

The established policy of the Licensing Commission relative to routine matters of office procedure and the issuance of license has not materially changed.

A General inspection tour of all licensed premises brought out the fact that all establishments are now equipped with up-to-date facilities.

We wish to acknowledge the splendid co-operation and wholehearted support given our Commission by Police Inspector Vincent McDonough and Board of Health Inspectors Anthony Palmer and Charles Caliri assigned to our Commission. We also wish to acknowledge the efficient and faithful service of our clerk Mary I. Kenney.

An itemized report of the fees received during the year ending December 31, 1973 is as follows:

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE LICENSING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE
1973**

1 RENEWAL (1973)	All Forms Restaurant License 7-Day	\$1,100.00	\$ 110.00*
1 RENEWAL (1973)	All Forms Restaurant License 7-Day	1,100.00	641.66**
1 RENEWAL (1973)	All Forms Restaurant License 7-Day	1,100.00	1,100.00
57 RENEWALS (1974)	All Forms Restaurant License 7-Day	1,100.00	62,700.00
1 RENEWALS (1974)	Malt Beverages & Wines "	500.00	500.00
1 RENEWALS (1974)	All Forms Innholder's "	1,300.00	1,300.00
1 RENEWALS (1973)	All Forms Club "	250.00	250.00
15 RENEWALS (1974)	All Forms Club "	250.00	3,750.00
20 RENEWALS (1974)	All Forms Pkg. Goods Store License	1,000.00	20,000.00
1 RENEWALS (1973)	Malt Bev & Wines "	400.00	400.00
12 RENEWALS (1974)	Malt Bev & Wines "	400.00	4,800.00
3 RENEWALS (1974)	Section 30-A License (Druggist)	300.00	900.00
3 RENEWALS (1973)	Special Alcoholic License	10.00	30.00
352 RENEWALS (1973)	Liquor Identification Cards	2.00	704.00
1 RENEWALS (1973)	Common Victualler's License	10.00	1.00*
1 RENEWALS (1973)	" "	10.00	5.84**
60 RENEWALS (1973)	" "	10.00	600.00
138 RENEWALS (1974)	" "	10.00	1,380.00
1 RENEWALS (1974)	Innholder's License	10.00	10.00
1 RENEWALS (1973)	Entertainment License	5.00	.50*
1 RENEWALS (1973)	" "	5.00	2.92**
1 RENEWALS (1973)	" "	5.00	5.00
57 RENEWALS (1974)	" "	5.00	285.00
2 RENEWALS (1974)	" "	1.00	2.00
1 RENEWALS (1973)	Dance License	25.00	25.00
7 RENEWALS (1974)	" "	25.00	<u>175.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 1973			\$99,677.92
EXPENSES FOR 1973			15,591.56
NET TOTAL REVENUE OF DEPARTMENT FOR 1973			\$84,086.36

*—This license was renewed under the provisions of Chapter 138, Section 23b therefore only one tenth of the license fee was paid.

**—License renewed under the provisions of Chapter 138, Section 23b relocated therefore license fee was on a pro rata basis.

One All Forms Alcoholic Beverages Package Goods Store Licensee, one All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7-Day Restaurant Licensee, and one Malt Beverages & Wines Package Goods Store Licensee requested an extension of time for payment of license until January 1974.

Respectfully submitted,

LICENSING COMMISSION
 Michael E. Rubin, Chairman
 John Dangiamila, Commissioner
 Emmy L. Thidemann

REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable, the Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen
of the City of Somerville.

Gentlemen:

During the year of 1973, the Veterans' Services Department granted Benefits and Services to Veterans' and their dependents as follows:

To the needy Veteran and Dependent who was qualified under our Veterans' Benefits program, we granted Cash, Medical and other types of Benefits. To other Veterans and dependents, we assisted them in applying for Social Security V.A. Benefits, G.I. Schooling, Employment and other programs for which they were entitled under our category of Veterans' Services.

A new Federal Program known as Supplemental Security Income was instituted in 1973 which has reduced our budget by an additional \$100.00 per year. By taking advantage of available Federal Monies, this department continues to effect a net savings of more than \$50,000. per year. This savings included reimbursements of money from Industrial Accident cases as well as Federal money in regard to Medical Care.

These savings were effected in spite of the growing case load due to returning Vietnam Veterans and increasing unemployment as well as increased medical and other costs.

To his Honor, the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen, The Veterans' Administration, Social Security Officials, State Unemployment Compensation Officials and the State Department of Veterans' Services, we express our deep appreciation for the cooperation and assistance provided this Department throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Bradley
Agent — Director

1973
RECAPITULATION OF VETERANS' BENEFITS SOMERVILLE

1973	V.B. Somerville	V.B. State	Burials	Total Relief	Cash	Medical	Fuel	Groceries	Total Cases
Jan.	\$ 11,822.99	\$ 11,823.01	—	\$ 23,646.00	\$ 8,432.88	\$ 2,055.74	\$1,169.37	\$ 165.00	175
Feb.	12,856.65	12,856.65	—	25,713.30	9,251.48	2,080.06	1,250.12	274.99	183
Mar.	13,854.93	13,854.93	—	27,709.86	9,177.09	3,208.09	1,204.75	265.00	168
Apr.	11,581.50	11,581.52	—	23,163.02	8,282.30	1,971.58	1,086.62	241.00	175
May	12,069.04	12,069.07	—	24,138.11	8,383.17	3,055.00	548.37	82.50	177
June	11,019.65	11,019.67	—	22,039.32	8,621.20	2,133.47	—	264.98	177
July	11,207.37	11,207.38	—	22,414.75	8,635.80	2,191.57	—	380.00	177
Aug.	9,731.82	9,731.88	—	19,463.70	8,002.03	1,634.79	—	95.00	168
Sept.	10,915.27	10,915.25	—	21,830.52	7,853.01	2,090.38	581.88	390.00	166
Oct.	10,965.02	10,965.02	—	21,930.04	8,051.92	1,594.48	1,136.13	182.49	162
Nov.	12,320.37	12,320.41	—	24,640.78	8,564.21	2,368.55	1,147.61	240.00	165
Dec.	11,943.42	11,943.43	—	23,886.85	8,768.56	1,901.83	1,103.25	169.78	165
TOTAL	\$140,288.03	\$140,288.22	—	\$280,576.25	\$102,023.65	\$26,285.54	\$9,228.10	\$2,750.74	

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The Honorable, the Mayor and
the Board of Aldermen
Somerville, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Department of Weights and Measures for the year 1973.

The following devices were tested and approved or condemned during the year 1973.

Scales	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Condemned
Over 10,000 lbs.	1	3	2	
5,000 to 10,000 lbs.		4		
100 to 5,000 lbs.	8	37		1
Under 100 lbs. cap.	58	476		23

Weights

Avoirdupois	96	7
Metric	128	10
Apothecary	77	5

Oil Trucks, Gasoline Stations, Gasoline Trucks & Wholesale Bulk Meters

Gasoline Pumps	27	266	12
Fuel Oil Trucks	19	67	
Wholesale Bulk Meters		3	

Taximeters

Meters on Taxicabs	18	67	18
TOTALS	131	1,224	2
			76

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE

Junk Scales	15
Marking of bread.	285
Marking of Food Packages.	6,090
Liquid Containers (tonic etc.)	48
Taximeters (in use)	18
Fuel truck meters	32
Gasoline meters.	85

SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL TESTS MADE

Gasoline	27
Scales in use	25
Taxi meters (Other than Sealing)	
Fuel meters (Other than Sealing)	

GASOLINE STATION TESTS

Number of call backs	36
Number of gallons drawn	3,700
Total meters at Stations	278
Total meters sealed	266
Complaints investigated	19

SPOT CHECKS OF COMMODITIES PUT UP FOR SALE

Commodity	No. Tested	Found	Incorrect	
		Correct	Under	Over
Bread	285	201	31	53
Butter	180	123	28	29
Confectionary	325	235	32	58
Dry Commodities	370	305	28	37
Fruits and Vegetables	1,075	742	131	202
Cheese and Dairy	290	234	27	29
Meat	3,470	2,713	336	421
Potatoes	95	14	26	55
TOTALS	6,090	4,567	614	836

Edwin L. Mallard
 Sealer of Weights and Measures

THE RECREATION COMMISSION**1973**

ROBERT E. COLT, Chairman
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Secretary To The Commission: PAUL L. SULLIVAN

The Recreation Commission dedicates this edition of its Annual Report for 1973 to the late John A. F. Pieroni, Superintendent of Recreation, who was called to his eternal rest on February 19, 1973.

During his years of service with the Recreation Commission, from 1941 until his untimely decease in 1973, John Pieroni dedicated the greater part of his life in an endeavor to provide better recreational opportunities and facilities for the people of Somerville, and to this end he gave freely of his time and energies in the service of the City of Somerville.

Perhaps the greatest accomplishment of this outstanding civic leader is the legacy he has left to the Senior Citizens of the City. By starting the first Senior Citizens Program in Somerville in 1957, John Pieroni made this city a pioneer in instituting weekly Recreation programs for the elderly which are now rated among the finest in the nation. The fruits of his labors can be seen today in the happy faces of the more than 800 elderly citizens of Somerville who make up the present membership of the Recreation Commission's three Senior Citizens groups.

May he rest in peace.

ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

The last page of this report contains a List of Activities Under The City of Somerville Recreation Commission for 1973. Inasmuch as this is a rather long list, it would be impossible to report on each activity in detail at this time. Consequently, some programs are featured because of the nature of the activity, and others because of their specialization, or because of community interest in them. However, it does not follow that only the most successful activities are featured in this report.

Thirty-three playgrounds opened on Monday, July 2, including the new Harris Playground, Shaw Playground, and East Somerville School Playground (replacing the Prescott). It was not until after the playgrounds were already in operation that it was found necessary to include Shaw Playground with the other Athletic Units, due to the varied ages of the participants. This meant a revision of all schedules, etc. for the major units, but, with the co-operation of all involved, it was done with a minimum of problems.

EARLY EVENING YOUTH PROGRAM

For the third consecutive year, the Recreation Commission this Summer received funds under a Federal Grant to conduct an Early Evening Youth Program for boys and girls of ages 8 to 13 years. The purpose of this program, which began on July 9, and ended on August 21, was to provide worthwhile activities for youngsters living in economically deprived areas of the city on four evenings a week, Monday through Thursday, from 6:00 to 8:00 o'clock.

The Special Activities for the Evening Program were similar to those of previous years, and included:

1. LOCAL AND FINAL TOURNAMENTS in Paddle Tennis, Frisbee, and Street Hockey;
2. "CHRISTMAS IN JULY" at each unit, consisting of various games, relays, and handcraft projects, and highlighted by a visit from Santa Claus, who arrived on the Commission's festively-decorated truck;

3. A THEATRE PARTY at a local movie establishment, which provided free admission to a feature film and cartoons for more than 200 children;
4. A COOK-OUT AND OUTING at Stage Fort Park in Gloucester, which was attended by approximately 300 boys and girls;
5. AN EVENING BOAT CRUISE, compliments of the Boston Gas Company, with a Rock Group for dancing provided by SOMERfest, enjoyed immensely by the 250 youngsters in attendance;
6. A PERFORMANCE of the "PROJECT STAR" production of "H.M.S. PINAFORE", held at the Western Jr. High School Auditorium;
7. AWARDS NIGHT, held in conjunction with the Summer Playgrounds Presentation of Awards, with trophies awarded to winners and runners-up of the various tournament competitions of the season;
8. LINCLON PARK OUTING to North Dartmouth, Mass., for a full day of amusement rides, games, etc., attended by 450 Evening Program participants, who joined with the Summer Playground boys and girls for the day's activities.

The Summer Program For Mentally Retarded And Physically Handicapped Children began on Monday, July 9, and ran for seven weeks until August 24. It was conducted again at the Conwell School and play area, under the direction of Mr. Robert Racioppi.

For the second consecutive year the Recreation Commission sponsored a Summer Recreation Program For Pre-School Retarded Children which was conducted by the Cambridge Recreation Department and the Cambridge Mental Health Association. Somerville's sponsorship again consisted of assignment of a staff member, transportation of the Somerville participants, and a share in the cost of supplies for the program.

The Spring season of the Saturday Morning Recreation Program For Mentally Retarded And Physically Handicapped Children was conducted

for a period of eight weeks, from March 31 through May 19. The program was again conducted at the Conwell School and play area, and was again under the direction of Mr. Robert Racioppi, who was assisted by five Leaders, all of whom had worked in the program before. There were 26 participants, including 21 Mentally Retarded and 5 Physically Handicapped.

The members of the Commission's two Senior Citizens groups were grief-stricken in February upon learning of the loss of Superintendent John Pieroni, a man who had worked for them, guided them, and been a friend to them for many years. Mr. Pieroni has been, and will continue to be, sorely missed by the elderly citizens of Somerville.

The twenty-third season of the Commission's very popular program of Twilight Basketball for Men And Boys, which was initiated by the late John Pieroni in 1950, enjoyed another very successful season once again this year.

The Twilight Leagues, which are divided into three age groups — Juniors (13-15), Intermediates (16-19), and Seniors (19 and over) had a total of 41 teams participating this year. For the Seniors, there were two Leagues, each consisting of two Divisions, with a total of 30 teams; in the Intermediate League there were 6 teams; and in the Junior League, 5 teams.

TWILIGHT BASKETBALL LEAGUE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Early in July, the Superintendent was visited by a young woman who was interested in starting a Basketball League for Women and Girls. She had with her a list of approximately fifty girls and young women who were interested in participating in such a league. The Superintendent arranged for a meeting of the women and girls, and on July 9, six team captains were chosen, and six teams were formed, with each team having ten players on its roster.

As was the case last year, although more than thirty teams applied for admission to the Commission's Slow Pitch Softball League, the League again had to be restricted to three Divisions of eight teams each, due to the limited number of fields available, and the loss of Glen Park all Summer due to repairs. Unlike last year, however, the weather was reasonably good, and with the use of Trum Field on Sundays for rain-outs, the League finished only a couple of days behind schedule.

The two new Children's Theatre groups were started at the Powder House and East Somerville Schools on Saturday, October 6, and attendance at both units improved with each week under the capable and enthusiastic leadership of the workers assigned, so that by December, each group was ready and anxious to present its own public performance.

Three months after the formation of the "Somerville Players", the first of six public performances of "Jesus Christ, Superstar", with a cast of 55 teen-age boys and girls, was presented before good-sized audiences in the new Auditorium at the East Somerville School.

One of the main ingredients of a good year-round Recreation Program is Facilities. However, during the past forty years the Somerville Recreation Commission has had to rely on Leadership and Program alone to make it the outstanding Recreation Service it has been. But now the third part of the mixture is coming to the front, with new facilities (both indoor and outdoor) that are a credit to the Administration and the City.

On the subject of Facilities, thanks to the co-operation of the Metropolitan District Commission the Recreation Commission was able to make excellent use of the Veterans Memorial Skating Rink at Conway Park during the Summer season, when the facilities at the Rink were used four evenings a week for Early Evening Youth Program activities, as well as for two rainy-day staff meetings. For all of these uses the Commission wishes to express its sincere appreciation to M.D.C. Commissioner John Sears; to Mr. James Whalen, Director of Recreation; and to Mr. George Hughes, Rink Manager.

In conclusion, the past year has certainly brought a breath of fresh air as far as Facilities for the Recreation Commission's programs are concerned, and with the construction of two additional schools now in the planning stage, the Commission is looking forward to even better years ahead.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

In closing, the Recreation Commission gratefully acknowledges the co-operation during the year 1973 of City Officials, including the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen, the various Departments of the City Government, the Police Department, and the School Department; and also the co-operation of the Metropolitan District Commission.

Special appreciation is expressed once again to the James A. Logan Post, V.F.W., for its many acts of co-operation with the Recreation Commission during the past fourteen years, which have included making available the use of its quarters for meetings and dinners of the Commission's three Senior Citizens groups, for the Annual Cribbage Tournament, and for other special events; as well as for its annual sponsorship of "Bicycle Safety Week". And for the excellent and unselfish volunteer services performed by Mrs. Wilma Hughes and the Women's Auxiliary of the Post in preparing dinners, luncheons, etc. for Senior Citizens and other special Recreation programs, the Commission and its staff are sincerely grateful.

Appreciation is expressed to the Reverend Donald A. Boone and the West Somerville Baptist Church, for making available the use of their quarters for Girls' Club meetings during the past two years; and to the various Churches and members of the clergy; to Veteran, Service, and Social organizations of the city for their co-operation during the past year, and especially to the Loyal Order of Moose, for its contribution of two Trophies for the Boys' Inter-Playground Track Meet.

To the Somerville Kiwanis Club the Commission wishes to give special recognition for generously providing the Jacket Awards for

Playground Championships and Sportsmanship each year for both boys and girls, and also for providing a third Trophy award for the Boys' Track Meet this year. Appreciation is also expressed to the E.F. Kemp Corporation of Somerville for its generosity in underwriting the cost of the Commission's Annual Inter-Playground Track Meet Program each Summer. Recognition is also given to the "SOMERVILLE JOURNAL" and the Somerville Edition of the "BOSTON HERALD AMERICAN" for the coverage given to the Commission's programs and activities during the past year.

Appended to this Report is the Financial Summary of the Recreation Commission for the year 1973 and a list of Activities Under The Commission.

Respectfully submitted by
THE RECREATION COMMISSION, by
PAUL L. SULLIVAN
Superintendent

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
1973**

Honorable S. Lester Ralph
City Hall, Somerville, Massachusetts

Dear Mayor Ralph:

I respectfully submit a report from the Department of Public Works, containing a brief summary of the work performed by this department during the period between January 1, 1972 and December 31, 1973. The Department has charge of the following divisions:

Building Division
Electric Lines and Lights
Highway Division
Sanitary Division
Water Division
Engineering Division

During this period many repairs, both routine and major were made in all of the city's schools and municipal buildings. The building shop is busy every day of the year attending to these repairs and to the ordinary maintaining of such buildings such as, boiler care, replacing of glass, repairing of screens and window sash, repairs to doors and locks, minor furniture repair and all the varied repairs that are needed from day to day.

The Building division sets up polling places, erects band stands, furnishes folding chairs when needed for all types of activities, sets up special classrooms and prepares buildings for school and civic functions all throughout the year.

Before any repairs can be made, supplies have to be estimated, bids advertized and contracts awarded; contractors have to be available with

contracts signed and ready money to pay for labor and material. We advertized in local papers and awarded contracts for custodial supplies, roofing and sheet metal work, interior and exterior paint, furniture (classroom and other), boiler repair and replacement, water coolers, bleachers and staging for graduations and parades; glass replacement, lumber, plumbing and steamfitting supplies, electrical supplies, hardware, nails, bolts, screws; doors for any and all buildings, rental of chairs and tables, window shades, fuel oil for all buildings, gasoline for trucks and even office supplies were on a contract basis. Uniforms and rain gear are furnished to many of the Department employees who work out of doors, this also required a contract. We also put out bids and awarded contracts for Tires and Tubes, bituminous products, gutter brooms and main brooms, sign supplies for streets and avenues, cement concrete for sidewalks and street openings, centerline marking on all major streets; truck parts as well as sodium chloride. Sweepers and drivers were contracted for clean-up after winter storms; trees, pruning, trimming, and planting and also removing were contracted for. Sidewalks were constructed on all of Woods Avenue; Governor Winthrop Road was completely reconstructed; new street, sidewalks, sewerage, driveways, the whole bit!

Anti-freeze for all DPW vehicles, sand for ice covered city streets, plow blades and spreaders for sanders; plowing and snow removal as well as the towing of all vehicles during snow storms and other emergencies were contracted for.

Christmas Decorations were leased with the option of buying. During 1972 the Water division contracts were awarded for the removal of hydrants, for brass fittings, new water meters and water meter parts. A new tot-lot was constructed on an area around Lincoln and Perkins Street with the help of federal monies.

Fence work was done in many areas; Glen Street Park and Stone Place among them.

Partitions were purchased and installed for the Somerville High School Gymnasium; new wood flooring was installed at the Trade High Gym as well as the High School Gym.

Metal lockers were purchased and installed at Southern Jr. High and Northeastern Jr. High School.

Furniture was purchased for schools, libraries, city hall offices, and also for the offices in the public works offices.

Student and teachers' desks, chairs, side chairs, tote tray assemblies, stacking exam tables, movable panels, blackboards, tackboard, file cabinets, book cases, folding tables, storage units for teachers are among some of the items furnished.

As the school department expanded their teaching programs, additional space was leased for some of these programs.

The Kennedy school, a fairly new school, received a complete renovation; all plastic roofing was removed, base flashing, roof drains were removed and replaced in all areas where defective; waterproofing, damp-proofing and caulking, glass, glazing repairs and entrances reburished; Other work such as finish painting, furring, lathing and plastering as well as heating and ventilating and electrical repairs.

In conjunction with the State Department of Public Works a new access road was built in the Inner Belt area which encompasses the new Holiday Inn.

The consulting firm of Camp Dresser & McKee Inc. was contracted to prepare engineering investigations and reports on the city's water distribution system and sewerage system. Most of their recommendations, together with cost estimates have been presented to the city at this time.

Many sidewalks were constructed under contract on Broadway; they will be completed when weather permits.

The city in conjunction with the Department of Housing and Urban Development constructed Glen Street Park. This park is mainly for the average resident; small shaded areas for the elderly or for mothers with

tots; neat little grass areas; play areas for small children; a softball diamond with lights, fully lighted basketball courts; in other words a complete facility for outside enjoyment for all ages.

Under a grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund of the Bureau of the Outdoor Recreation, Department of the Interior, Trum Field was designed; a contract was signed in the fall of 1973 with Cedar Hill Landscaping Corp. and Carol R. Johnson & Associates as consultant to facilitate the construction this park and play area.

A room under the Somerville High School Gymnasium was completed for the Performing Arts. It was designed for community use and seats approximately 300 people. This is great for small theater groups, band practice, rehearsal for plays, theater in the round and other activities that the community is involved with.

Dangerous conditions were corrected at the Southern Jr. and North-eastern Jr. High Schools with the installation of stair treads.

An intercom was installed at the Trade High School which allowed the greater communication between the trade shops and instructors.

Somerville High School's appearance was greatly enhanced by the installation of new windows throughout, to say nothing of the savings on heating and elimination of drafts throughout the structure.

Our City Hall was completely renovated and restored with new steps and walks. The portico was restored with its original matching columns, railings and some other details which will soon be completed.

For the New Hot Lunch Program ovens and refrigerators were installed in most of the elementary schools.

Architects for the new Ward Two Community school were selected. The Architects Collaborative Inc. of Cambridge were to perform this service and a contract for the construction of this new elementary school was awarded to E. C. Blanchard Construction Co., with the work to be started immediately.

Rich, Lang & Cote Inc. were selected as Architects for the new Ward Four Community School and related playfields on a site defined by Sycamore Street, Evergreen Avenue, Meford Street and some of St. Ann's church property. Land Taking commenced and under the Department of Community Affairs, this was the first school under the new law for Federal Standards for relocation. White Construction Company, Inc. was awarded the construction contract around the middle of October.

I would like to call attention to the individual reports of the divisions; of special note is the amount of work done in the building department because of vandalism.

Kevin F. Oliver
Commissioner of Public Works

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION

The Engineering Division Office is instrumental in developing and perfecting plans, in preparing detailed drawings and specifications for bids and construction projects including surveys, layouts, grades, lines, inspection, drawings and plans for all types of City activities.

During the year 1973 the duties performed by the Engineering Division included the following:

- (1) Cleaning of catch basins and storm drains—emergency clearing of blocked drains and sanitary sewers and repairing and rebuilding of storm drains and sewer systems. Construction of new catch basins where required due to street flooding.
- (2) General maintenance and repair of parks and playgrounds, cemeteries and recreational facilities, including ice skating areas and wading pools. During 1973 four play areas have been added to the parks system requiring maintenance: Harris play area; Lincoln play area; Perry School play area; Hodgkins School play area.
- (3) Snow removal.

BUILDING DIVISION

Total number of building permits issued—

January 1, 1973 through December 31, 1973 — 701, with declared valuation of \$14,510,345, including nine units of new residential construction, valued at \$2,018,000 and thirteen pieces of new commercial construction valued at \$9,930,460. The remainder of the permits were for remodeling of residential and commercial structures.

The following are a few tabulations for 1973:

Building Permits issued	701
Building Inspections	1951
Gas Permits Issued	253
Plumbing Permits Issued	241
Gas & Plumbing Inspections	1382
Elevators (Inst. Inspt. Test & Repair)	1266
Builders' Licenses	441
Structures Demolished	56
Dwelling Units Lost	46
Dwelling Units Gained	190

Cash Receipts for 1973. \$29,207.13

NEW CONSTRUCTION RESIDENCES

6-fam. Dwelling	100 Alpine Street
80 Unit Housing/Elderly	15 Weston Avenue
24 Unit Apartment House	162-164 Summer St.
18 Unit Apartment House	22 Laurel St.
2-fam. Dwelling	57 Newbury St.
16 Unit Apartment House	117-123 Cross St.
12 Unit Apartment House	765 Somerville Ave.
6 Unit Apartment House	47 Cedar Street
4 Unit Apartment House	44 Flint St.

NON-RESIDENCES

Masonry Garage/Office	121-123 Prospect St.
Swimming Pool (Holiday Inn)	30 Washington St.
Car-Port	16 Foscett St.
Concrete Loading Dock	North Union Street
Gas Station	70 Prospect St.
Central Co-op Bank	399 Highland Ave.
Masonry Bldg. & Office	49 Mystic Ave.

Swimming Pool	38 Craigie St.
Medical Building	364 Broadway
Sporting Goods Warehouse	23 Murdock St.
Swimming Pool	34 Murdock St.
Ward II Elementary School	290 Washington St.
Ward IV Elementary School	103 Sycamore St.

DEMOLITIONS

2-Car Garage	41 Burnham St.
2-Car Garage	23 Rogers Ave.
Garage	51 Berkeley St.
Shed	321 Washington St.
Single Dwelling	429 Broadway
2-Car Garage	78 Josephine Ave.
6 Concrete Garages	11 North St.
2 Garages	11 North St.
2-fam. Dwelling	97 Sycamore St.
2-fam. Dwelling	45 Mystic Ave.
2-fam. Dwelling	55 Thurston St.
Storage Shed	779 McGrath Highway
2-fam. Dwelling	21 Temple St.
2-fam. Dwelling	11-13 Herbert St.
Gas Station	525 Broadway

DEMOLITIONS

January 1, 1973 to December 31, 1973

Hodgkins School	Holland St.
2-fam. Dwelling	120 Morrison Ave.
Warehouse	8-10 Adelaide Rd.
Single fam. Dwelling	11 Winter St.
2-fam. Dwelling	162-164 Summer St.
2-fam. Dwelling	22 Laurel St.
Single fam. D	10 Mondamin Ct.
Wooden Barn	17 Oliver St.

Prescott/Southworth Schools	77 Myrtle St.
Dwelling	27 Springfield St.
Garage	93 Glenwood Rd.
3 Garages	9-15 Waston Ave.
Single Dwelling	63 Murdock St.
1-3 Unit Dwelling	
1-2 Unit Dwelling	117-123 Cross St.
Garage	19 Curtis St.
2 Apts. and 1 Office	348-350 Somerville Ave.
2-fam. Dwelling	69A Webster Ave.
2-car Garage	275 Alewife Brook Pkwy.
Warehouses	82-84 Washington St.
”	80 Washington St.
”	68 Washington St.
”	64-66 Washington St.
”	58 Washington St.
2-car Garage	127 Central St.
1-Car Garage	108 Josephine Ave.
2-fam. Dwelling	72 Prospect St.
3-fam. Dwelling	55 Webster Ave.
Central Co-Op Bank	399 Highland Ave.
2-2 fam. Dwellings	16-16 Warren Ave.
Barn	69 School St.
Garage	87 Grant St.
2-car Garage	66 Grant St.
2-fam. Dwelling	765 Somerville Ave.
Perry School	Washington Street
2-fam. Dwelling	21 Murdock St.
Single Dwelling	25 Murdock St.
2-fam. Dwelling & Garage	366 Broadway
Warehouse	Warwick & Clyde Sts.
Barn	rear - 425 Broadway

HIGHWAY DIVISION

The following is an outline of the Activities of the Highway Department for the year 1973:

1. SIDEWALKS

- A. 12 Sidewalks repaired with asphalt — stumps removed
- B. 326 sidewalk locations repaired with asphalt
- C. 116 sidewalk locations repaired — concrete
- D. 47 sidewalk locations repaired concrete — stumps removed
- E. The following sidewalks were completely replaced or repaired:
 Bowers Avenue — sidewalk repair — concrete & asphalt
 Garrison Avenue — Sidewalk repair
 Walnut Street — Sidewalk repair

2. WATER SERVICE OPENINGS REPAIRED

- A. 271 Water Service Openings on streets repaired with asphalt
- B. 120 Water Service Openings on Sidewalks repaired with asphalt
- C. 275 Water Service Openings on Sidewalks repaired with concrete

3. STREETS REPAIRED & RECONSTRUCTED

- A. 910 Complaints on pot holes completed by Highway Division
- B. Williams Court — paved by Highway Division
- C. Porter Avenue paved by Highway Division

4. TREES

- A. 232 Trees trimmed by Highway Division
- B. 67 Trees removed by Highway Division
- C. 60 Tree Stumps removed by Highway Division
- D. 190 Trees planted by Highway Division
- E. 33 Trees trimmed by Contractor
- F. 12 Trees and stumps removed by Contractor

5. SWEEPING

During Spring, Summer & Fall we sweep side streets, one side of each once a week, and main streets and squares once a Day. During winter we sweep streets when the weather and breakdowns permit. We hand swept all squares and tough areas at least three times a week during Spring and Summer months.

6. GENERAL COMPLAINTS

350 requests to remove dead animals taken care of.

425 requests for service to pick up tree limbs and many oil spills were taken care of.

7. REPAIR GARAGE

All vehicles greased and oiled, and tuned up at least twice a year. Grease & Oil at least every other month.

Over 700 repairs made by the Repair Garage on City Vehicles.

8. STREET SIGNS

389 New & repaired Street Signs
 393 New & repaired traffic & directional signs
 150 Stubs of sign posts removed
 1500 Sign Posts painted
 10 Curbs painted yellow.

9. CROSS WALKS & CENTER LINES

All Cross Walks & Center Lines painted in 1973 by Contractor.

Sincerely yours,

David W. Reilly
 Superintendent of Highways

ELECTRIC LINES AND LIGHTS DIVISION

February 13, 1974

Mr. Kevin F. Oliver
 Commissioner of Public Works
 Franey Road
 Somerville, Massachusetts

Dear Commissioner Sestito:

I wish to submit the following report of duties and accomplishments of this Division for the year 1973:

The Wire Inspection section issues permits for electrical work to be installed and follows up on same to the inspection of same to see that the work was performed to meet the requirements of the Massachusetts State Code. They inspect all rest homes yearly to make sure everything is in order before the home may receive their license for the year from the State. They also take calls for water leaks or other complaints pertaining to electricity.

The Fire Alarm office is on a twenty four hour daily operation where radio messages and alarms are transmitted. This office answers trouble calls immediately. All signals are tested every Friday and air horns are sounded daily at 12 noon.

This Division receives summons relative to accidents at our traffic intersections. All Board of Aldermen orders and complaints from citizens are taken care of promptly.

A strict maintenance schedule is kept on all Fire Boxes, Fire Alarm equipment, traffic lights, Parking Meters, Spotlights, Field Lighting (Soft Ball & Basketball) generators, in co-operation with the Police Department a record is kept of all street lamps outages which is immediately reported to Boston Edison Company for replacement and the City receives a monthly rebate for lights reported out. The City received a rebate of 554 lamps out for this year.

The Fire Alarm office issued permits for work and inspections for the year and are as follows:

Permits issued (Electrical)	828
Re-Inspections	188
Permits issued to New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	48
Permits issued to Boston Edison Company	122

The Fire Alarm Office received the following alarms for the year.

Box Alarms	2773
2nd Alarms	22

3rd Alarms	6
False Alarms	1402
Still Alarms	2609

This Division pulled 4,000 feet of cable.

The State through Contractor furnished 2800 feet of cable which this Division pulled and installed.

This Division repaired and put back in service knockdowns as follows:

Fire Boxes	3
Traffic Signals	18
Parking Meters	260
Meters straightened	150

This Division modernized the traffic lights at Central & Medford Streets.

New Fire Alarm Boxes were installed at the following locations:

- #167 100 Foley Street for Winter Hill Yacht Club.
- 364 Mystic Ave. and Shore Drive
- 365 Bailey Road at Shore Drive End.
- 366 Bailey Road at Fellsway End.
- 928 In tunnel on McGrath Highway
- 929 In tunnel on McGrath Highway

New boxes #931-932-933-934-935-936-installed on I93 South bound

New boxes #9311-9321-9331-9341-9351-9361-installed on I93 North bound.

The following boxes were replaced:

- 113 McGrath Highway and Poplar Street
- 213 Walnut St. & Munroe Street

311 McGrath Highway and Prospect Hill Avenue
323 Sycamore Street & Willoughby Street
423 Highland Avenue Opp. Conwell Street

This Division did the Christmas lighting in the Squares and Streets, Police Station, Library and City Hall.

Very truly yours,

John J. Legee,
Superintendent

SANITATION DIVISION

February 20, 1974

Honorable S. Lester Ralph
Mayor of Somerville
Somerville, Mass.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

The following is the Annual Report of the Sanitary Division, Department of Public Works, for the year 1973.

The Somerville Municipal Incinerator in Somerville was closed the latter part of January. Bids were published and sent to various companies for dumping privileges. Reclamation Systems, Inc., in Cambridge was one of the many companies who submitted bids. They were awarded the contract, effective February 7th, 1973. Since that time all rubbish, including garbage, large bulky items such as refrigerators, washing machines, wood, furniture, etc., picked up throughout the city is now being hauled to their dumping grounds in Cambridge daily.

Since transporting rubbish collections to the Reclamation Systems, Inc., in Cambridge, the following are the estimated figures of pick-ups taken to their dumping grounds:

February	1,994.56 Tons	419 Loads
March	3,936.40	824
April	3,559.44	694
May	3,536.85	701
June	4,578.68	992
July	3,254.96	666
August	3,206.78	669
September	4,055.58	906
October	3,311.90	737
November	3,239.33	749
December	4,043.67	978
Total	38,718.15 Tons	8,335 Loads

For a total year, we picked up approximately 43,000 Tons of rubbish throughout the city.

Every year the city designates a week for "Clean Up Week". This year it was from June 4th to June 9th. This enables the people throughout the city to clean their attics and cellars of all debris and articles that ordinarily are not picked up on weekly basis. This also protects Somerville from any and all health and safety hazards.

During the Christmas Season, the pick-ups run extremely heavy. All large, bulky articles picked up by the open trucks are discontinued during this time. Both open trucks are used at this time for picking up cartons, X-mas wrappings, boxes, etc.

The Sanitary Division at the present time has for equipment the following:

- 10 – 20 yard packers
- 3 – 13 "
- 2 – 16 yard open dump trucks

- 1 — 3/4 Ton Pick-up truck
- 1 — 1962 Chevrolet Sedan
- 1 — Rack body truck on loan from Building Division

The two open trucks are used daily to pick up large articles, such as refrigerators, sofas, mattresses, bed springs, washing machines, wood, etc., in other words all bulky items which would be impossible for the packers to take. One of these trucks, due to a fire, is now not in operation. We have though, on loan, from the Building Division, a rack body truck, which we will continue to use until such time as the damaged one is replaced.

A 13 yard Load Master Packer was purchased by the Sanitary Division, the early part of 1973. This is used daily for alley pick-ups and for daily pick-ups at schools that have the "Hot Lunch Program". The other 13 yard packer, picks up all other schools throughout the city. Both trucks are used daily for all special and emergency calls.

Two new trucks are now on order; 1 open truck and 1 packer. These trucks and others, as needed, will be equipped with plows to be used mainly on main thorough-fares throughout the city during snow storms.

During the year, for the Decal Fee System of Collections from Business and Commercial Establishments in the city, approximately 569 decals were issued; 258 "A"s, 199 "B"s, 89 "C"s, 17 "D"s and 6 "E"s. At the end of the previous year, a form is sent to each place of business in the city. This, as a rule, is returned with the group checked off that they wish also a check made payable to the City of Somerville in the amount of group selection. Price of decal is based on group they pick, in other words, amount of barrels picked up. Last year we collected for decals \$34,168.24 for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin P. Oliver
Commissioner of Public Works

WATER DIVISION REPORT

This has been a significant year for the Somerville Water Division and the Somerville Water System. Some significant figures of water works this year (and, in fact, the past few years) are:

The number of service leaks has declined for the second straight year. August 17, 1973, according to Water Shop Foremen, was one of few times that they can recall when there were no water leaks on report in the City. And although that status remained for only a few hours, it was the first of three times that it was achieved in 1973.

The number of main breaks declined this year over last year.

The number of hydrants that were installed by City workers increased better than 300% over last year (1972); this helped to bring the total of hydrants replaced (including a few that are completely new locations) to 105, an increase of approximately 50%.

The total number of jobs performed by the City forces in 1973 again increased over the previous year to 485.

And finally the installation of 925 water meters, bringing us closer to 100% metering, was an increase of 50% over 1972.

However more significant events occurred in the Somerville Water Department in 1973 than these statistics show. They are:

1. For the first time in the Water Division's history an engineering study of the Distribution System was started and completed. The result of this study was the development of a six year program to rehabilitate the Somerville Water System to meet domestic and commercial demands for the future, but most importantly this program will bring the System's capability to meet fire flow requirements up to the standard that the Insurance Service Office sets for this City. Camp, Dresser and McKee, who did this study, used Water Department employees to assist them during testing.

2. In September, 1973 the Insurance Service Office came to Somerville while the engineering study was going on and did major fire flow testing. Insurance Service Office is in the process of drawing up their final report. City employees assisted on these tests.

3. The Water Division tackled three major jobs this year: the cleaning out of approximately 200 feet of 4" pipe on Belmont Street Place; the installation of 170 feet of 2" copper main on Porter Avenue and tying in four house services to this main and the installation of 30 feet of 6" cast iron water main on Mount Vernon Street. Each one of these jobs had its own difficulties and peculiarities but the Water Division was able to handle each with the proper equipment on hand and practically all the stock on hand. The men did an admirable job.

4. The testing of 800 feet of new 16" ductile iron pipe on the Inner Belt Access Road and 200 feet of 12" temporary line over the Ball Square Bridge. It should be pointed out that the ductile iron pipe is the first of its kind in the City. It is supposed to be stronger and less brittle than cast iron pipe and is the pipe of the future for large size water mains.

5. The decision at the end of 1973 to lease a mini-computer to do the water billing and, hopefully, to expand its use to other operations.

6. Finally the Water Division experimented with new types of equipment such as electric water main gate operators and electronic pipe locators.

All in all 1973 has been an interesting and progressive year for the Somerville Water Department and Water System. And 1974 promises to be a continuation of the same.

Paul J. Van Steensburg
Superintendent

WATER WORK STATISTICS (2 Years)

	1972	1973
1. *Service Leaks	370	358
2. Poor Pressures	41	52
3. Other Service Works (Abandon corporations, reset gate boxes, new service lines)	28	36
4.	439	446
5. *Main Breaks	12	7
6. Mains Installed (2/6" fire services, 1/2" main @ Porter Ave.)	1	2
7. *Hydrants Replaced (City Workers only)	9	30
8. Hydrants Replaced (Contractors)	60	75
9. Total Main Pipe Work (City Forces 5 + 6 + 7)	22	39
10. Total Main Pipe Work (including contractors) (8 + 9)	82	114
11. Total Hydrants (7 + 8)	69	105
12. *Total Jobs (City Forces) (4 + 9)	461	485
13. *Total Meters Replaced	639	925

*Significant Figures

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